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## MYSTERIOUS YAUMATI

HOW POLICE TRAP WAS SET.

## REVENUE STAMPS

DEMAND FOR NAME OF INFORMER.

At the resumed hearing this morning, before the Chief Justice, of the case in which To Luk and Fung Chau-pun are charged with possession and uttering of a number of \$10 Hong Kong Bills of Exchange stamps, Mr. Hing-shing Lo, for second accused, subjected Lai Pui-lam, a witness for the Crown, to further lengthy cross-examination.

Before resuming his questioning, Mr. Lo, addressing His Lordship, said that he wished to bring up a point of law arising out of witness's answers yesterday. He, (Mr. Lo) wished, if required, to quote authorities to show that if necessary and material for the purposes of his defence, he was entitled to demand the name of the man who had brought witness into the case in the first instance.

His Lordship asked Mr. Fitzroy (for the Crown), if he raised any objection.

Not To Be Made Public! Mr. Fitzroy replied that he would have none, provided the name was handed up. He did not want it made public. "If my friend wants anybody in particular, he is entitled to subpoena him," he added.

His Lordship said there was no objection to the name being written down, and communicated in this way to the Court and the jury. It should not be made public.

Mr. Lo said that that was satisfactory, as long as he could get the man into the box, if necessary. At the present moment, he had other lines of defence to rely upon.

Kowloon Geography. The cross-examination of Lai Pui-lam then continued. Witness was taken through a lengthy series of questions as to his movements in Yaumati on the night of May 17.

In the course of the discussion, block plans of Yaumati were brought into use, but considerable explanation was required before the locale was definitely clear to all concerned. Witness said he went to the first of two cafes named Tung Fong. He had expected the first defendant to produce some of the stamps there.

Mr. Lo: You made it quite clear that you were to examine some stamps.—Yes.

Did he refuse to enter the place?—No. We went in together. He was quite willing.

Witness went on to say that first defendant did not show him any stamps. The place was crowded, and there was no proper accommodation.

Pre-Arranged Meeting. Did you think the meeting between first and second prisoner was by arrangement?—Yes, that was my opinion.

How do you think the second man knew where to meet you?—I think because he must have been waiting for us outside all the time. He called out to us from behind when he met the first man. That was about 9 o'clock. There were quite a lot of people about, and all the shop windows were lit up.

Mr. Lo: You never even asked for the second man's name?—No. His Lordship: That would very likely have given the game away!

Mr. Lo: What did you do with the envelope containing the ten stamps that the first man handed to you?—Put it in my pocket.

Did you now suspect the second man?—Yes. The first man had previously told me he himself was only a "representative" in the matter.

Continuing witness said the envelope and stamps were handed over to a principal Chinese detective about 10 to 11 p.m. the same night. This was at witness's house. He also told the detective everything that had happened.

Details of Arrest. Questioned regarding the arrest

## PRESS TRIBUTES TO BANK OF ENGLAND.

Healthy Effect of Loan To Austria.

GERMAN BONDS RECOVER.

Rugby, Yesterday. The news that the Bank of England had made an interim advance of 150,000,000 schillings to the Austrian National Bank, pending completion of the negotiation for an international loan to the Austrian Government to provide the necessary funds to guarantee the liabilities of the Credit Anstalt, has been received in Vienna with an expression of keen satisfaction.

The promptitude of the Bank of England's action is warmly approved in financial circles here. The City Editor of the Evening News says that since the War the Bank of England has consistently pursued a policy designed to promote general world stability under the conviction that world monetary conditions are now so bound up together that every industrial country depends for prosperity on the measure of general stability. Its entry into the present Austrian complications after appeals by the Austrian authorities is actuated by this motive.

Greater Confidence.

The City Editor of the Evening Standard, commenting on the more assured feeling in the markets reported from German financial circles, of which features of promise are that some money has already returned to Germany and that the Reichsmark has been steadier, says:—

"The most important factor leading to greater confidence in Germany is the help which the Bank of England is giving to Austria. Credit granted to Austria should be a means of restoring stability in that country and increasing confidence throughout central Europe."

A feature of the foreign money market in London to-day was a sharp recovery in German bonds.—British Wireless Service.

## DORNIER DO-X.

GERMAN FLYING BOAT ARRIVES AT BAHIA.

ALL ABOARD SAFE.

New York, Yesterday. The giant German flying boat, Dornier DO-X, has arrived at Bahia.—Reuters American Service.

Early Cable.

Port Natal, Yesterday. The DO-X took off to-day for Bahia.—Reuters.

[A Port Natal message the previous day stated that the German giant seaplane DO-X had failed to rise, when trying to take off for a trip along the Brazilian coast.]

## YAKEDAKE ERUPTS.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Yakedake, an active volcano in the Japanese Alps, west of Matsumoto, suddenly burst into violent eruption at half past eleven o'clock, scattering quantities of ashes all over the countryside.—Reuters.

at the Kum Toi Hotel, witness said he did not know that Police officers had booked Room No. 68 there, when he was in No. 88. He was merely told to pass the bell at a certain time, and the Police would come in. He was to press it twice. It was the ordinary bell used to call servants. As a matter of fact, when he did press the bell, the hotel servants came up with the Police, but did not enter the room.

Mr. Lo was putting more questions, when His Lordship said there could be little dispute about the Police procedure. He did not see why so many questions were necessary on this point.

Mr. Lo then put it to witness that from the time he entered the hotel he was in constant communication with the Police.

Witness said that of course there was an arrangement already made. His part was to ring the bell twice when the Police came in. The case is proceeding.

## HAUL OF 1,382 TAELES OF OPIUM.

Woman's Reticence to Give Information.

FINE \$100,000.

A haul of 1,382 taels of prepared opium was made on a sampan which lay in the harbour yesterday morning, about seven yards from the shore at Cheung Shu-wan. The craft was apart from other sampans moored in the vicinity.

In connection with the drug, a Chinese boat-woman was arrested, and appeared before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning. She was charged with possession and pleaded guilty.

Paid For The Job.

Prosecuting, Chief Preventive Officer Buller said that the woman would not tell the Revenue Department anything as to where she was conveying the opium, but the fact that she had been paid ten dollars for the job.

A fine of \$100,000, with the alternative of one year's hard labour, was imposed. The sampan was ordered to be confiscated.

In charging a Chinese before his Worship, Revenue Officer Humphreys said that accused was "just an illicit dealer" who prepared opium and sold it. The quantity with which he was charged was found in a Talcum powder tin which was concealed in a stone pillow on the first floor of 16, Tai Wong Street East.

Accused was fined \$360 or four months' hard labour in default.

## POLAR SUBMARINE TO BE REPAIRED.

Admiralty Offer to Aid Vessel in Plymouth.

DISABLED IN MID-ATLANTIC.

London, Yesterday. The News Chronicle announces that the Admiralty has offered to assist Sir Hubert Wilkins to repair the Nautilus at Plymouth.—Reuters.

[Early messages stated that the American submarine Nautilus, in which the Australian explorer, Sir Hubert Wilkins, is crossing from America prior to an attempt to reach the North Pole under the ice and which was experiencing engine trouble in Mid-Atlantic, is being towed by the U.S.S. Wyoming to Queenstown.

It was reported by the U.S.S. Arkansas that she had spent several hours making futile attempts to establish contact with the Nautilus in order to take her in tow. An eight-inch Maubius hawser was placed in position, but the submarine was unable to make fast, owing to the rough sea and inability to manoeuvre.]

## WOMAN AVIATRIX INCINERATED.

Plane Crashes & Bursts Into Flames.

LOST A LEG IN 1928.

London, Yesterday. The famous aviator, Miss Cicely O'Brien, and her woman passenger, who has not yet been identified, were incinerated when the light plane in which they were flying crashed and burst into flames near Hatfield.

Miss O'Brien was the daughter of the Irish Baronet and sportsman, Sir Timothy O'Brien. She was one of the first women to fly across the Channel with a woman passenger. In 1928 she lost a leg as the result of an air crash but resumed flying as soon as she was able.—Reuters.

## AMY JOHNSON TO FLY TO PEKING.

New Attempt to Be Made in July.

MOSCOW ADVISED.

Warsaw, Yesterday. A message from Moscow states that Amy Johnson has advised the authorities that she intends to re-attempt a London-Peking flight, beginning in July.—Reuters.

## AUSTRALIAN GOLD SHIPMENT.

Important Bill Passed By Senate.

TO MEET OBLIGATIONS.

Canberra, Yesterday. The Senate has passed a Bill authorising the shipment of gold, which will thus be enacted.—Reuters.

[A Melbourne message stated that the Australian Commonwealth Government has decided to introduce legislation authorising a shipment of \$5,000,000 in gold to meet Treasury Bills which mature in London at the end of June. It is understood that the measure will empower the Treasurer to ship any portion of the gold reserve, which now amounts to \$15,000,000.]

## MOTOR CYCLE SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP.

Britain Challenged by Six European Entrants.

110 M.P.H. DOWN MOUNTAINSIDE.

Rugby, Yesterday. The motor-cycle speed championship of the world will be contested to-morrow over a mountain course in the Isle of Man and the world's best riders from Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Austria, Italy, and the Netherlands.

## POSEIDON FUND—NOW

\$26,842.26.

We are informed by Mr. Arthur, Treasurer for the Navy League Poseidon Fund a total of \$26,842.26 was received between noon yesterday and noon to-day, making a grand total of \$26,842.26.

Amongst the latest donations are \$500 from Dodwell & Co., 250 from the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., \$250 from the Union Insurance Society, and \$345 from the staff of Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## DEBATE ON NAVAL BUILDING BILL.

France to Build Cruiser to Counter Deutschland.

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## MR. A. MELLON.

CHAT WITH GOVERNOR OF BANK OF ENGLAND.

SEEN TWO MINISTERS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Mr. Andrew Mellon, on a private visit to England yesterday evening had a conversation with Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England. Earlier in the day he had an interview with the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary at the House of Commons.

Mr. Mellon describes his visit as purely private, and is this week going to see his son who is an undergraduate in Cambridge University.—British Wireless Service.

## SIR G. HADDON-SMITH PASSES.

Took Part in Ashanti Campaign.

MERITORIOUS CAREER.

Rugby, Yesterday. The death is announced of Sir George Haddon-Smith, aged 69, a former Governor of the Bahamas and the Windward Islands. He was Acting Governor of Gambia Colony for a short time and was for 11 years Colonial Secretary of Sierra Leone, acting as Governor of the Colony on many occasions.—British Wireless Service.

[Sir George Haddon-Smith, K.C.M.G., C.M.G., was born in Nov., 1861, and was educated at Victoria College, Jersey. Entering the Colonial Service in 1888 he was for a time Private Secretary to Sir Gilbert Carter, and later served as a political officer on a mission to the interior tribes of Lagos Colony in 1893. He was Private Secretary to Major-General Sir Francis Scott during the Ashanti Campaign of 1895-6 and served as political officer on the staff of Colonel Sir James Willcocks of the Ashanti Field Force in 1900. In 1901 he was appointed Acting-Governor of Gambia Colony and the following year Colonial Secretary of Sierra Leone. He was appointed Governor of the Bahamas in 1912-14 and of the Windward Islands from 1914-28.]

## INDIAN PROVINCES AND THE VOTE.

Separate Inquiry to Be Made on Franchise.

NO CONFERENCES YET.

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YOKOHAMA IN DARKNESS.

Tokyo, Yesterday. There were no deaths and only seven slightly injured as a result of last night's earthquake, which caused much confusion in the new theatres and cinemas, the buildings shaking and swaying.

A lesser quake occurred shortly after midnight and Yokohama was plunged into darkness for several hours as a result of damage done to the electric cables.

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## FEMALE DIGNITY CAUSES A WAR.

Tribal Conflict Due to Offended Virtue.

TROUBLE DIES DOWN.

Durban, Yesterday. Seventeen natives were killed and 17 wounded in the tribal fighting mentioned earlier. The trouble has now died down. The Hongwas agreed to let the law take its course and called off arrangements for a counter-attack on the Amabomvus.

The perpetrators are being rounded up and two arrests have been made hitherto. All is now quiet in the tribal area.

It appears that the trouble started owing to a party of Amabomvu girls who were attending a Hongwa wedding receiving undesirable attentions, whereupon they departed indignantly and their menfolk hurriedly mobilised. An impi surrounded the Hongwa village.—Reuters.

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## 'THROW ME OVERBOARD'

FEARS OF FILIPINO ON EMPRESS.

## BORROWED KNIFE

"WRITING LETTERS FOR THREE DAYS."

"I am a passenger and those Japanese people threatened to throw me overboard. I understand that they were talking about throwing me overboard, and it was about three days that they were writing letters against me. I understood that when we will come close to Yokohama they will tie me with a rope and throw me overboard. I have no knife of my own, because I gave it to a Japanese boy. When I left Honolulu, at the time when the Japanese were trying to attack me, a Filipino friend gave me a knife and I started to stab them all."

Customary Caution.

This statement was made by Graciano Bilas, a Filipino, when the customary caution was administered by Mr. Williams in the Central Police Court this morning. Prisoner stands charged with the murder of Chan Ki-yu, on board the Empress of Canada on the high seas on June 5, between Honolulu and Japan.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor conducted the case for the Crown.

Dr. P. F. S. Court, acting medical officer in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary, said that on June 18 at 9.15 a.m. he performed a post mortem on Chan Ki-yu, the skin of which body was coming away all over the surface. It had a stab wound one and a half inches in length from the heart to the midline. There was an incision four inches in length which had been stitched up in the right groin. The stab wound went in between the fourth and fifth ribs and penetrated the left chamber of the heart.

Cause of Death.

Replying to Mr. Whyte-Smith, witness said that it was undoubtedly a stab wound, and could have been caused by the bigger blade of a knife produced in Court. The cause of death was "stab wound penetrating the heart."

Sub-Inspector A. H. Elston deposed to boarding the liner with Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., and Sub-Inspector Murphy. The former handed witness the knife.

Police Sergeant P. Kellett said that he boarded the Empress of Canada, and had the defendant removed to the Government Mental Hospital.

The Crown's case was closed.

The Magistrate committed prisoner to stand his trial at the July Assizes.

## LEEWARD ISLANDS.

Sir S. Armitage-Smith To Report On Finance.

The Secretary for the Colonies has, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, appointed Sir Sydney Armitage-Smith to undertake a mission to the Leeward Islands, and at a later date to St. Lucia in the Windward Islands, as financial adviser, with the object of submitting a report on the revenue and expenditure of those places.

Sir Sydney Armitage-Smith will also closely examine the possibility of improving the financial position of the Colonies in question, and of thereby reducing the calls which are now being made by them on Imperial funds, mainly as a result of the depression in the sugar industry, and in the case of Dominica of the hurricane in the Summer of 1930.

Sir Sydney Armitage-Smith will also be a member of a commission of inquiry to be appointed in connection with recent disturbances in the Caribbean Islands.







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**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 22nd day of June, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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**NATIVE SERVANT PROBLEMS.**

**Domestic Life in India.**

**"PRECARIOUS SITUATION."**

Abdul Rahman is an excellent bearer, intelligent, clean, and punctual; unobtrusive yet interested in our doings, writes Ph. M. T. in the Manchester Guardian. We searched far before we found an ayah as good as Karim Bibi, and we would fain keep them both. But alas! all metaphors referring to walking on thin ice or amongst eggs are feeble in an attempt to describe our present precarious situation. The first sign of a rift was a letter from Karim Bibi.

"Respected and Honoured Masters, I am your Ayah, and Timothy Sahib's Ayah, and am willing to still with you till England going. I not bearer's Ayah and he fight me. He steal Timothy Sahib's handkerchiefs and hot topi, and he go to one Ayah and say live with me, and I take you to my master and he keep you. Now he steal small thing soon he steal big thing, and madame say me go you not honest Ayah. Sir Madame protect me from this man. Your Karim Bibi, nurse of children in Peshawar Cantonment."

**An Ayah Woe.**

Once we had an ayah who was wooed by our bearer. She had very prominent teeth, and one day said, "Nazir Ahmed does not like my teeth, and for ten rupees I can have them all pulled out and new ones put in." Will Memshah advance me ten rupees? Memshah said, "No, I don't object to your teeth. Borrow the money from Nazir Ahmed if he doesn't like them." About two hours later a sadder but no wiser Sathoo returned from the "dentist" with red and painful gums, but sure of conquest in the bearer's heart. He, triumphant, told us, "Perhaps I not marry her. Her chits are good and she can earn much money, but unless the dentist give her pretty teeth I shall seek elsewhere." The tooth proved satisfactory, but Nazir had satisfied too long, and Sathoo bestowed her hand on the general's bearer, who was too strong and powerful for Nazir to have any hopes of a clandestine affair. So he determined to follow the time-honoured custom of procuring for us another ayah.

Gruesome stories were told us of how Sathoo hated children and had a cruel nature. Shavils and toys disappeared and were always found in her box. She was unsatisfactory in many ways, and she had to go, being replaced by an ayah pretty enough for any bearer's fancy. But poor Nazir Ahmed about this time began to receive uncomfortable hints from the Baniyas that his debts were becoming oppressive to them, so he remembered an old master in Burma, who, he said, had often written asking Nazir to return to him. So Nazir took his faithful heart away—perhaps to Burma.

**A Place For The Husband.**

Remembering this, we thought perhaps Abdul was adopting the same tactics for Karim Bibi has a husband and offers no opportunities for relieving the monotony of a bachelor existence. It seemed reasonable to believe that the ayah's story was correct, and we had almost concluded that the bearer was deep in ingenious schemes to get rid of her, and that, as good bearers are slightly less difficult to come by than reliable ayahs, we should reluctantly be compelled to part with him, when one morning, at a time when all good bearers are busy cleaning boots and belts, we saw the ayah's husband coming out of the compound. Light dawned, and we asked Karim Bibi how her husband was faring in his job. "Please, Sahib," was the reply, "the Major Sahib has gone to Poona; and by the Sahib's kindness my husband wants work."

Well, the camouflage has gone, the buttons are off the foils, and who will win the fight? Karim Bibi is convinced that her skill is such that before long Abdul Rahman will be deposed and her husband rule in his stead, while Abdul Rahman is convinced that Karim Bibi and her supercilious husband will soon be eating the bread of idleness and his future bride reign as consort with him.

Once there disappeared, most mysteriously, an inkstand—a bison's foot set in silver, suggestive more of the white elephant than the bison. It disappeared and remained away from the 15th of one month until about the 7th of the next, when the question of the previous month's pay, was becoming acute. One by one the servants came to say that it was a pity the Sahib had such dishonest servants, the speaker alone was above suspicion, and so he had come privily to receive his pay. To all requests the Sahib said:—"First the inkstand that is of the foot of the bison must return." In the nursery there stood a kitchen table, bare and long-

legged, on which every day the milk and water were boiled, and under that, standing bronzily, the bison's foot was found by a bewildered nurse; and to the Sahib there came the bearer saying, "Since the Miss Sahib's eyes have at last been opened, and the foot of the animal been seen by her after standing there for two and twenty days, may the innocent receive their pay?" "Certainly," was the affable reply. "Since the suspicion of theft is lifted, let all come before me."

**The Cook and The Butler.**

Once we had a cook, and his name was Nur Mohammed—a pearl of price who made meat look red instead of dark brown, and whose sweets and savouries were equally good. The butler was a model of decorum, and under his sway the house ran smoothly, and the Memshah waxed fat and plaid on reaching peaceful water after the storm and stress of a long voyage with a crew of inefficient servants. Then the domestic ship began to creak and signs of disaffection were thrust upon our notice. Food was placed upon the table in cold dishes, smuts disfigured the souffe, vegetables were rendered uneatable by being soured in cold water, and one night at a dinner party the savoury failed to materialise. The butler hinted discreetly that the cook was drinking and quite unfit for his work. One day the butler appeared at table with an old torn coat, and, on being questioned, explained, with an air of resignation, that all his clothes were being stolen, and that he suspected the cook. Every day some fresh tale of theft was told. The quality of the meat and vegetables procured from the bazaar deteriorated rapidly, and it was discovered that a coolie was being sent by the cook to do his shopping, as he himself was always smitten with fever in the morning. This seemed to substantiate the drinking theory, and the cook was warned. The inevitable appeal was presented, written by the bazaar munshi.

"Honoured sir, I must make complaint your Butler Jan Mohammed is a bad man and bad servant to Master. He wish





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CHICHIBU MARU	Wednesday, 24th June.
TATSUTA MARU	Wednesday, 24th June.
SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.	Tuesday, 30th June.
HEIAN MARU	Tuesday, 30th June.
HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday, 28th July.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 27th June.
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 11th July.
HAKONE MARU	Saturday, 25th July.
YASUKUNI MARU	Saturday, 25th July.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Saturday, 27th June.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 27th June.
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 25th July.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Saturday, 27th June.
HAKODATE MARU	Saturday, 11th July.
TANGO MARU	Saturday, 11th July.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	Tuesday, 30th June.
GINYO MARU	Tuesday, 30th June.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Monday, 13th July.
TATSUNO MARU	Monday, 13th July.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.	Sunday, 19th July.
DURBAN MARU	Sunday, 19th July.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Monday, 29th June.
MORIOKA MARU	Monday, 29th June.
GENOA MARU	Tuesday, 7th July.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	Friday, 19th June.
KAMO MARU (Nagasaki direct)	Friday, 19th June.
SUWA MARU	Saturday, 27th June.

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Telephone 36291. (Private exchange to all departments.)

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & HUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Montevideo Maru	Fri., 26th June
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN.	La Plata Maru	Mon., 20th July
THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO & SANTOS via Singapore & Colombo.	Manila Maru	Mon., 6th July
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila, Japan Ports (Frequent Services).	Brisbane Maru	Mon., 6th July
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez, Port Said.	Nitto Maru	Fri., 10th June
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Seattle Maru	Wed., 24th July
BOMBAY via Singapore, Calcutta, Rangoon, Penang & Rangoon.	Paris Maru	Tues., 14th July
HAIPHONG via Hanoi, Fakhof (Fortnightly).	Tokai Maru	Wed., 9th July
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Argun Maru	Fri., 10th June
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Hamburg Maru	Fri., 19th June
	Menado Maru	Thurs., 25th June
	Canton Maru	Sun., 21st June
	Hozan Maru	Sun., 28th June
	Dell Maru	Thurs., 1st July

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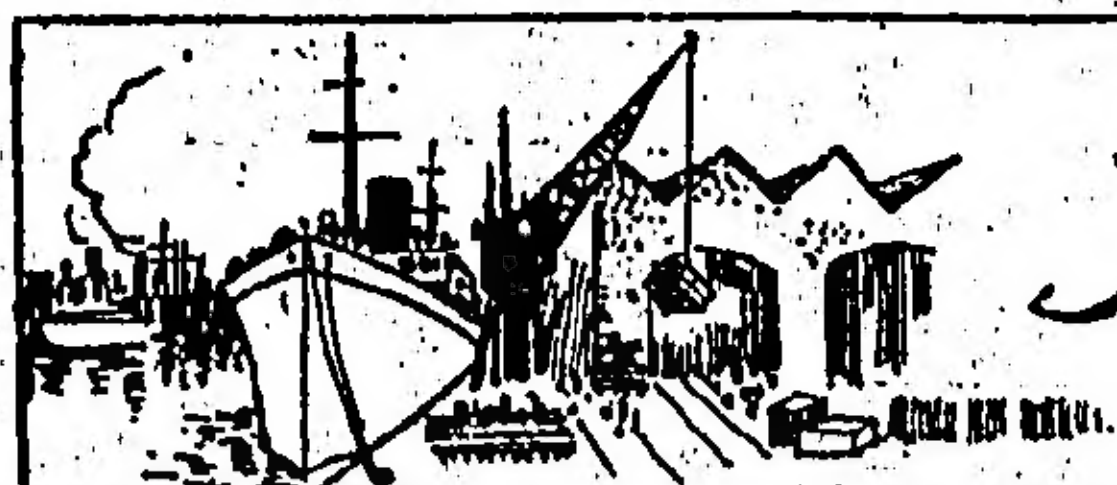
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## Shipping Intelligence.

### BUILT HERE.

#### QUINETTE OF VESSELS IN MARCH QUARTER.

Lloyd's quarterly report of ship-building state that five vessels have been completed in local shipyards during the last quarter—three at Kowloon Dock and two at Talkoo.

Launched on February 26, at Kowloon Dock, the twin screw motor vessel Kanlaon was constructed for the coasting service in the Philippines. She has a gross tonnage of 399, her dimensions being—Length 176.2 feet, beam 30.2 feet and depth 10 feet.

Also built at Kowloon Dock, the Trabajaor, a steel screw motor tug, was launched on May 6, her length being 111 feet, her beam 26.1 feet and her depth 10.65 feet.

The Manapa left the Colony a week ago for Manila where her owners are. She is a steel screw motor vessel with a gross tonnage of about 250 tons. Her dimensions are—Length 125.9 feet; beam 24.1 feet; depth 7.6 feet.

Under construction at Kowloon Dock are two more vessels, one a lighter for the Asiatic Petroleum Company, and the other a steel screw motor vessel named La Florencia, which is being built for Mr. Jaime C. Tiampo, of Iloilo.

At Talkoo Dock.

Two vessels were completed at Talkoo Dock, those being La Estrella Texaco, of the Texaco Company, and the Wusuh, a sister ship of the Wuhuh which is already in service on the Yangtze. La Estrella Texaco is a steel screw motor vessel of about 470 gross tonnage.

The Commissioners of the port of Rangoon have a survey vessel under construction at Talkoo Dock called the Pathinder. She has already been plated.

The Marapara, which is under construction at the Kwong Fook Cheong Shipyard, is a steel twin screw motor vessel, with a gross tonnage of approximately 560. She is being built for American owners.

Two river vessels are being constructed by the South China Motor Shipbuilding and Repairing Works for the Hoi Fook Shipping Company of Hong Kong. They have each a gross tonnage of approximately 250 tons, will be equipped with oil engines and are intended for the river service.

### ALIEN SEAMEN.

#### Opposition To U.S. Senate Bill.

The opposition of shipping interests to the Senate Bill, which provides that no vessel shall bring into any United States port any alien who would not be qualified for admission to Britain as an immigrant, was expressed by Mr. John Dowd, president of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York, in a telegram sent to members of both houses of Congress from the State of New York. The telegram reads: "The Maritime Association of the Port of New York, earnestly protests against passage of Senate Bill 202, as unwarranted discrimination against alien seamen. Seamen are universally recognised as wards of nations, and this measure not only flagrantly disregards their personal rights, but is a violation of international usage and agreements."

### LIFTING GIANT SHIPS.

#### How They Are Dry Docked.

The gigantic White Star liner Majestic has been lately undergoing periodical repairs on the great floating dock at Southampton, which was opened by the Prince of Wales in 1924.

The floating dock which enables such enormous weights to be lifted is one of the marvels of the age. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, the great ship is warped in between two parallel walls of steel plates. High up on her bridge is a diminutive figure in charge of the operation, and with whistle and gesture he controls the tangle of wire hawsers, which are moving the great ship.

A whistle, a wave of the arm, and one set of hawsers is slackened until their curves dip into the water, while others tauten into vibrant bars under the strain. A prolonged whistle and a final gesture, and all the hawsers are belayed. The ship is "placed" in the dock.

The pumps start working at once, pumping the water out of the great tanks of which the dock is made up. As the water is forced out the twin walls rise slowly in the water.

Meanwhile, divers go down to the bottom of the dock. They go round under the bottom of the ship and make sure that none of the "chocks" on which she will rest have been displaced, and that the ship's keel is directly over the "chocks."

Unseen Pumps. As the "chocks" come up to the keel of the ship the pumps are eased and then stopped altogether while the divers go round and examine each "chock," and make sure that the ship is "setting" on them correctly.

Once this is done, the pumping goes on apace, and the dock continues to rise, now raising the great ship with it. As she rises "shores" are placed and wedged to keep the ship upright, and the work of cleaning the ship's bottom is begun from floating stages.

One after the other strange features of the hull emerge from the water—the sharp, bilge keels, the great holes of the circulating water inlets, the vast streamlined and balanced rudder, and finally the propellers.

At last the dock is right up, and one can walk about dry-shod under the enormous hull and wonder at the sweeping curves of its steamlines. Most of all, one wonders at the fact that the unseen pumps have lifted more than 40,000 tons of steel forty feet into the air.

### TODD SHIPYARDS.

#### HANDLING 150 SHIPS AT ONE TIME.

The combined resources of the seven plants of the Todd Shipyards Corporation, of New York, Mobile, New Orleans and Seattle, comprise more than 200 acres of land and water service area with: 2 graving docks, 24 floating docks, 3 ship-building ways, 25 piers, 90 shops, 8 power plants and 10 service vessels, together with a personnel of several thousand skilled workers.

Each yard is an independent unit, which makes for sharp competition between them all for achievement, efficiency, speed and economy; but there is free interchange of knowledge and experience, mutual enjoyment of inventions and improvements and, when necessary, exchange of resources.

All Todd yards are on deep water, accessible directly from the ship channels, with no intervening obstacles of any kind. Ships can come straight from, or go straight to sea from any one of them.

The two graving docks are the only privately-owned docks of that type in New York Harbour, and No. 1, the new Todd dock, located at the Robins plant, Eric Basin, Brooklyn, measuring 750 feet in length overall, is the largest dry dock in the port of New York. The capacities of the 20 dry docks range from 500 tons to 40,000 tons.

The corporation's facilities permit the handling of more than 150 ships at one time with concentrated attention to each vessel. The combined facilities of the dry docks permit the docking of 175,000 tons of shipping in one day.

Shop equipment is complete with modern machinery for handling any size job. Special equipment is available for turbine work with dynamic balances ways for

### WATER LEVELS.

#### DETAILS FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	June 16	June 17
West River at Shuanghai	19.6	18.4
North River at Tsingyuen	12.9	14.0
North River at Samshui	17.9	16.8
East River at Shuanghai	7.3	7.7

The highest levels recorded are—Shuanghai, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Shuanghai, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Shuanghai.

### CUNARD COMMODORE.

Rugby, Yesterday. Captain Diggle, the well-known Commander of the liner Aquitania, has been appointed Commodore of the Cunard fleet, in succession to Captain Sir Arthur Roston, retired.

Captain Diggle has previously commanded the Mauretania and Berengaria. — British Wireless Service.

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, June 17.  
Akita Maru, Japanese str., 3,817 tons, Capt. K. Iroba, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Apsey, British str., 1,776 tons, Capt. C. Boyce, from Kamfa Port, Talkoo Sugar Wharf.—Wo Fat Sing.

Kawakata Maru, Japanese str., 783 tons, Capt. C. Kawamoto, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Lahn, German str., 5,300 tons, Capt. T. Minssen, from Foochow, buoy No. A7.—Melchers & Co. Schlesien, German str., 4,378 tons, Capt. S. Warneke, from Singapore, buoy No. A4.—Melchers & Co.

Takada, British str., 6,949 tons, Capt. H. Hitchcock, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

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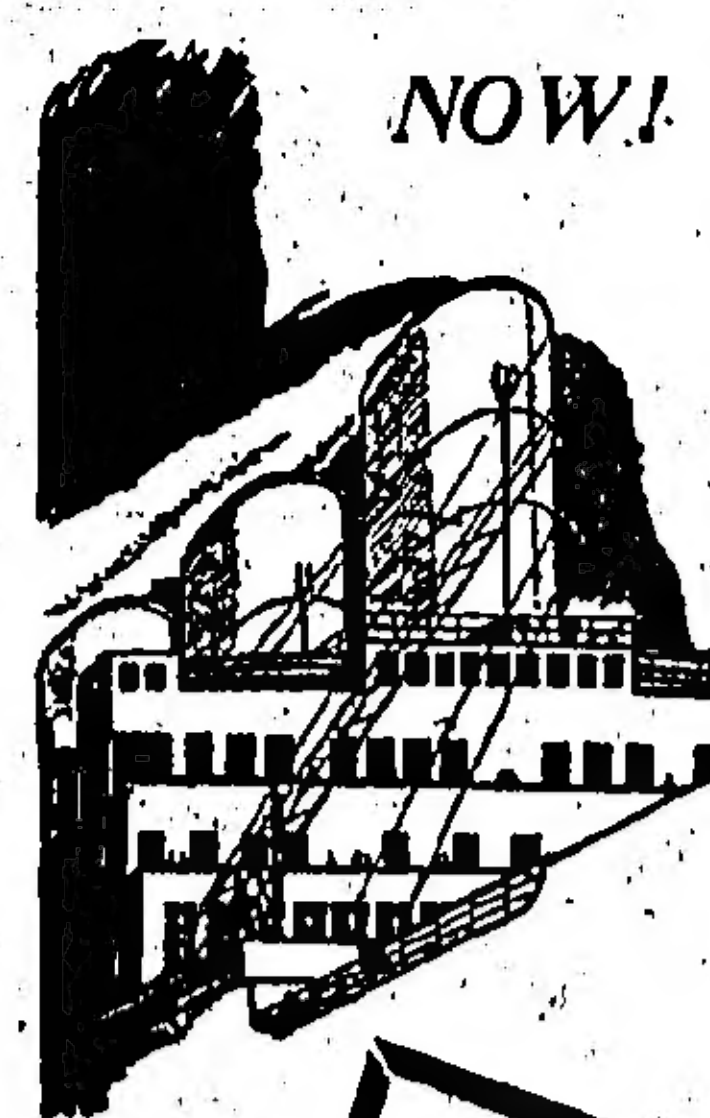
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SATURDAY, JUNE 20.

Manila ..... Oldekirk  
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, May 30) ..... President Lincoln  
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, May 28) ..... Chichibu Maru  
Shanghai and Swatow ..... Soochow

SUNDAY, JUNE 21.

Shanghai and Amoy ..... Tjikembang

MONDAY, JUNE 22.

Manila ..... President Johnson

TUESDAY, JUNE 23.

Shanghai ..... Chenonesaux  
Japan ..... Ginyo Maru

THURSDAY, JUNE 25.

London Parcels (London, May 21) and Straits ..... Antenor  
Japan ..... Montevideo Maru

FRIDAY, JUNE 26.

Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., June 8) ..... Empress of Russia

#### OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19.

Samshui and Wuchow ..... Chung On ..... 4 p.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles ..... Ranpura (Due Marseilles, July 17.)

K.P.O.

Parcels ..... June 19, 4.30 p.m. Registration June 20, 9.45 a.m. Letters ..... 10.30 a.m. Klungchow ..... 5 p.m. Chung Kong ..... 5 p.m.

Empress of Canada

(Due Vancouver, B.C., July 8 & "Europe via Siberia.)  
Parcels ..... June 19, 5 p.m. Registration June 20, 9.15 a.m. Letters ..... 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20.

Haiphong ..... Canton ..... 3.30 p.m.  
Manila ..... President Lincoln ..... 4.30 p.m.  
Amoy ..... Anku ..... 5 p.m.  
Straits ..... Meriones ..... 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21.

Manila and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg ..... Sauerland ..... 9 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ..... Canton Maru ..... 9 a.m.  
Bangkok via Swatow ..... Kiangsu ..... 9 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 22.

Swatow ..... Hydrangea ..... 3 p.m.  
Amoy ..... Changchow ..... 3.30 p.m.  
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., "Canada, C. & S. America & "Europe via San Francisco

TUESDAY, JUNE 23.

Manila and Java via Sourabaya ..... Tjikembang ..... 9.30 a.m.  
Sandakan ..... Mau Sang ..... 1 p.m.  
Straits & "Europe via Marseilles ..... Achilles (Due Marseilles, July 25.)

Registration June 23, 1.45 p.m. Letters ..... 2.30 p.m. Hal Ning ..... 2 p.m.

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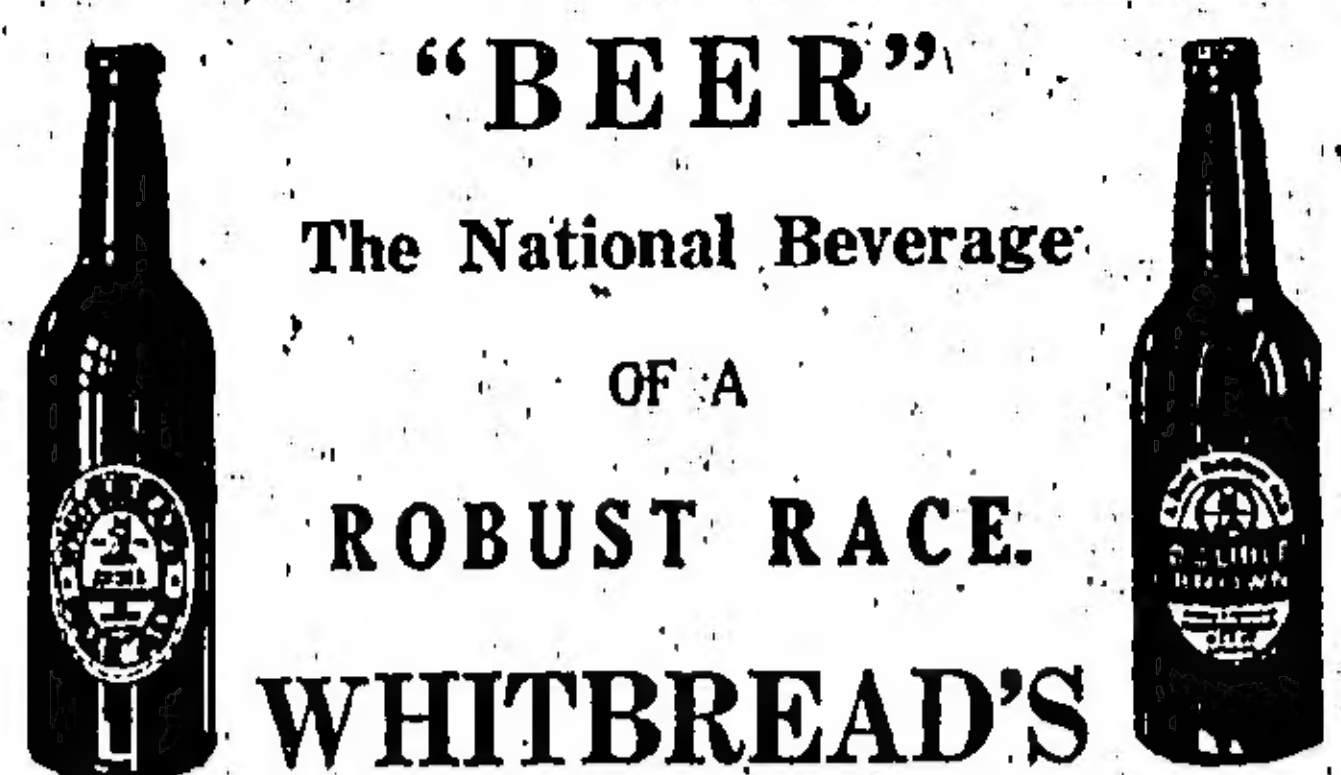
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### Suez Canal Dues.

The agitation which has arisen in Great Britain for a reduction in the Suez Canal dues, and which has primarily been conducted by the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association, has as much concern for exporters and importers in the Far East as it has for shippers and merchants at home, for while the dues continue to maintain a high level there can be very little hope of a reduction of freight charges. The British Government, apparently, entirely disclaims responsibility in the matter, asserting that it is solely the concern of the shipping companies who use the Canal route and the Suez Canal Company. In this connection it is interesting to refer to the reply which Lord Inchcape made recently, on behalf of the British Directors of the Company, to the Liverpool Association. Although it has little relevance to the present controversy, Lord Inchcape makes a good debating point in his historic survey of the enterprise, in which he points out that the Canal in its initial stages was consistently opposed by Great Britain, and that not a single share was applied for from the Home country. Although work on the Canal was started in 1859, the Sultan of Turkey, under diplomatic pressure from Great Britain, refused confirmation of the concession to the Company until 1866. The Company's position was only finally established owing to the personal intervention of Napoleon III. The historic purchase of 44 per cent. of the shares by Dieraff did not

take place until 1875, by which time, presumably, opinion about the value of the Canal had changed in Britain. Although any moral effect of the early opposition may be considered to have been effaced by this purchase, none the less, as Lord Inchcape points out, Great Britain, as a shareholder, has not been treated badly. The shares cost £4,000,000, and up to the present £35,000,000 has been paid in dividends, free of French taxation. All other shareholders are subject to tax deductions at the source.

The reason for buying the shares was not to participate in large dividends but to protect Britain against possible military or commercial dangers, and Lord Inchcape comes nearer to a reply to the present agitation when he points out that in the last ten years the dues have been gradually reduced from 8.50 francs of 6.65 francs for loaded ships and from 6.00 francs to 3.35 francs for vessels in ballast, and that continuous improvements have been carried out in deepening, widening, and straightening the Canal, and so facilitating the passage of ships. He states that since 1883, while the increase of dividends has given the shareholders £59,000,000, the reduction in dues has given the shipowners £80,000,000. While, since 1920, the shareholders have received an increase in dividends of £13,700,000, the shipowners have gained £11,700,000 in reduction of dues.

The Canal, like other enterprises, is feeling the effect of the trade depression throughout the world, and during the eight months ended April 30, 1931, the traffic fell by 1,456,000 tons. Probably the strongest point made by Lord Inchcape is that the concession from the Egyptian Government comes to an end in 1963, so that shareholders have to provide amortisation with this in view. In stating that "the dividend for 1930 will have to be slightly reduced from that paid in 1929," Lord Inchcape appears to go a long way to justify the criticism of the Company which has been made. Shipowners throughout the world, almost without exception, have to contemplate something much more serious than slightly reduced dividends. In the present state of world trade every possible economy must be considered and made, and there is very justification for shipowners, representing companies many of which are likely to pay no dividend, attempting to obtain some concession from a company which admittedly will pay a very large

dividend, even after a slight reduction. It is satisfactory to learn that the dues are never a closed question, that negotiations are always open, and that, in Lord Inchcape's opinion, working on ordinary lines, "some further reduction will be agreed to by the Board to take effect as soon as the appropriate circumstances arise." In the interest of a sorely pressed industry, it is to be hoped that the appropriate circumstances will not be long delayed.

### News in Brief.

Officials of the New Territories Agricultural Association are preparing for their next show on January 9.

The result of the recent essay competition on "Tom Sawyer," promoted by the King's Theatre, will be announced within a day or two.

A Whist Drive will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall, on Monday, at 8.45 p.m., in aid of the Navy League, Pessidon Fund. Admission, \$1.

A presentation from his colleagues was made last night to Mr. W. D. Bell, of the Tai Kok Dock, who leaves the Colony on retirement to-morrow.

In an attempt to put a bulb in a socket at the Chung San Iron Foundry at Power Street, Tai Hang, last night, an apprentice, Chan Sam (17), was electrocuted.

In applying an acid to cure a boil, a man, Tam Shing (39), of 30, Centre Street, burned his right thigh and was taken by relatives to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

By the s.s. Change to-day the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., will leave on a trip to Australia and thence to Britain where his wife and children are living. He expects to return to the Colony at the end of August, 1932.

The following Police officers are sailing for Home on the P. & O. s.s. Ranpura to-morrow:—Mr. T. H. King (Deputy Inspector-General of Police), Inspector and Mrs. John Ogg (on retirement), Det.-Sergeant J. Lamont, and Sergeant Allen.

In view of the interest taken in the British film "Balalaeva," at the Central Theatre, it is interesting to note that the 93rd Hussars are the 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders now stationed here, and the 93rd is the only infantry regiment in the British Army with the battle honour "Balalaeva."

A summons against Chan Hung-kwan, manager of the Stee Yick Company, Nathan Road, Kowloon, for having had on his premises for sale benzene to which a false trade description was applied, was dismissed at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. H. S. V. Mossop conducted the case for the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

### MISS ANNIE CROFT.

ACTRESS DIVORCES HER ACTOR HUSBAND.

A decree nisi has been granted in the Divorce Court to Mrs. Annie Harland Sharland (Miss Annie Croft, the actress), of Finchley Avenue, N.W., against her husband, Mr. Reginald Hanson Sharland, an actor, on the ground of his misconduct with a woman cited as Margaret Nichols (who had intervened). At West 20th Street, Los Angeles, in November, 1929.

Answers had been put in by Mr. Sharland and the intervenor denying the charges, but the President (Lord Merivale), was informed that in April a letter was received from Mr. Sharland's solicitors saying that the suit would not be defended. It was therefore, taken as an undefended petition.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharland were married in October, 1915, at Hull, and there were two children: Mr. Sharland, at the time of the marriage, was in the Army. After he left the service he resumed his profession as an actor, and appeared with his wife.

Later trouble arose because of his association with other women and their married life became very unhappy. Eventually he went to Hollywood with a view to getting an engagement.

## THE INVASION OF WHIPSNADE.

Big Crush of Visitors Disappointed.

OPENING OF NEW ZOO.

London, May 25.

It was rather an extraordinary Whitsun holiday this year. The indications were last week that the weather would be much the same as we had at Easter. However, thousands of people went away and on Saturday when the rain streamed down in torrents queues of great length could be seen at every London Railway Station. Sunday was not much better and the greasy state of the roads was very bad for what vehicles were on the road and several accidents were reported. On Saturday and Sunday there was no congestion at any of the popular Bank Holiday places. In fact the attendances were very low for these two days at any open air recreation. This was the case at the new Whipsnade Zoo which is within nine miles of Luton.

On Monday, however, all these conditions changed, and so great was the pressure on traffic and amusements that terrific congestion resulted. Thus at Whipsnade 28,000 people waited in queues for hours, struggled and fought to get on buses, and stood crushed in crowded trains in order to visit the Zoo, while according to a traffic authority at least a further 10,000 turned back home in despair at ever reaching Whipsnade Park. For hours the roads were one solid mass of private cars, motor buses, motor coaches and bicycles. At times the vehicles extended in unbroken queues for over two miles, moving forward in jerks at less than walking pace. The original car park at the Zoo for 400 cars was packed out by eleven o'clock and an emergency park for 2,000 more cars had to be opened. So great was the congestion on the road leading to the Zoo that at 4 o'clock all traffic from Luton was stopped. The journey by rail and bus was even worse, and before midday the Bedfordshire police sent an S.O.S. to St. Pancras and Kings Cross asking for the issue of any further through tickets to be suspended as there was no hope whatever of coping with any further passengers. Thousands who managed to reach Luton found themselves dumped there and when they did at last secure a bus—if they were so lucky—they had to endure a 7 mile crawl through the traffic block. Conditions at Dunstable were even worse than at Luton. Here train passengers had to walk half a mile into the town and then fight their way on to buses.

As regards the Zoo itself the public were disappointed. The animals were still feeling very strange and were too shy to appear, and thus the public saw very few of them. Animals which have been there for some time forgot their London Zoo habits and snapped at people offering them dainties. Although the Regent Park Zoo has been ruthlessly robbed for the sake of this country cousin yet Whipsnade has an empty appearance. The bison park alone is half the size of the entire menagerie in Regent's Park but as it contains only some seven or eight bison it is not impressive. Nearly every enclosure has this same look of being inadequately furnished, while in many instances the exhibits become invisible if they decide to wander into a far corner. Nor does Whipsnade possess any great variety of species. Apart from birds, the inhabitants consist chiefly of browsers and ruminants—deer, antelopes, kangs, llamas, bison, yaks and other bovine creatures. There are no monkeys or apes and the sole representatives of the cat tribe are two eight months old lion cubs. The wolves are a delightful sight, while there is a riding elephant from the London Zoo, and Cupid and Snowball the camels are also giving rides. It is impossible to be too enthusiastic about the beauty of the place which covers 500 acres of land rich in trees, shrubs, wild flowers and meadowland, and every effort is being made to prevent litter from getting about and flowers from being destroyed. At the opening of the Zoo it was stated that a number of animals had attempted to escape, while a bear and a deer sneaked out of the grounds and were at liberty for some days.

Record crowds were everywhere. At the London Zoo 68,000 were present in spite of the counter attractions of Whipsnade. Enormous crowds went to Hampton Court—so great were they that people were forced on to the flower beds, and at night there was a queue of 1½ miles long waiting for trams and buses. Other attendances were 63,000 at the Crystal Palace, 18,000 at Madame Tussauds, 10,000 at Windsor Castle, and many thousands at each of the Museums. At Brooklands the crowds were so great that the roads were congested for hours. A great regret of the holiday was that the Empire Day Festival held in Hyde Park on Saturday was rather spoiled by the rain. Thousands, however, were

present with umbrellas and joined in lustily with the Community Singing.

### Holiday Accidents.

Unfortunately there is the usual crop of accidents to record, some due to the greasy state of the roads on Saturday, and included motor bikes, trams, buses and motor coaches. A broadcast appeal was made on Monday for Sir Henry and Lady Japp to go at once to the bedside of their son in Brentford Hospital; he had been gravely injured in a motor cycle accident. With the bad weather we have had many fewer accidents and this is the first really fine day we have had for a long time. The accidents recorded show that the roads are still very dangerous and that there are still a great many lessons to be learned in regard to "Safety First."—Singapore Free Press.

### PHYSICAL JERKS.

TRAM TRAVELLERS THROWN OFF THEIR FEET.

The latest models of London County Council trams, of which 800 are now on the streets, have met with general approval, except that they are started and stopped too quickly.

Improved engines and a higher power of acceleration have resulted in a swifter and more efficient service, but travellers are complaining that they are almost thrown off their feet by abrupt changes of speed.

I took a trip by tram (writes a Morning Post representative) along the Victoria Embankment, from Blackfriars to Westminster, to see how far these complaints are justified. My observations led me to the conclusion that the new trams will bring about the survival of the fittest in a somewhat precipitate manner.

Each time that the tram started or came to a standstill such of the weaker passengers as were on their feet—schoolboys, old women with parcels, young typists, and the like—all lost their equilibrium, but the other passengers stood their ground without flinching.

At Charing Cross, however, all my calculations were upset. As the tram came to an abrupt standstill a massive Guardsman, who was descending from the upper deck, lost his balance and tumbled into the conductor's arms.

"There are some as hold their ground and some as don't," the conductor confided to me with an air of philosophical resignation, after the Guardsman had been deposited on the pavement in a ruffled condition.

"Some people," he added, "and great difficulty in climbing up stairs as the tram is starting. It's like going up the wrong side of a moving staircase, and unless you are careful the steps seem to be jerked away from underneath your feet."

"Ladies are especially affected, and when I see one who doesn't look firm on her feet I tell her to hop into the nearest seat downstairs and wait there until the tram has stopped."

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—Moorlake—West wall dock. Odlin—In dock. Olympus—Kowloon dock. Otus—In dock. Parthian—Kowloon dock. Seamew—South wall. Sirdar—In dock. Sterling—North arm. Tamar—Basin. Thracian—North arm.

Re-establishment and enlargement of the business of the London Rolling Mills Co., Ltd., is to follow the taking over of the rolling mills, one of London's important industries dating back to 1903, by the Ingersoll Machine Tool Co., Ltd., and the John Morrow Screw and Nut Co., Ltd., both being Canadian concerns with works situated at Ingersoll, Ontario. The new owners announce that in addition to the usual production, the firm intends to manufacture alloy steel so that an entirely new industry will be brought to London. A sum of \$40,000 is to be laid out at once on overhauling of the plant and approximately \$100,000 will be spent before reconstruction has been completed, as one new furnace is to be installed.

### Ten Years Ago.

From the "China Mail" of June 19, 1921.

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½. Dr. Koch has given notice of his intention to ask at the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow the following question:—"Will the President inform the Board whether the Government has intimated its intention of adopting any of the suggestions recommended in the report recently laid on the table for dealing with the mosquito pest?"



## GIRL GUIDES IN COLONY.

Prince of Wales Banner Presented.

LADY PEEL PRESENT.

An interesting event in the Girl Guide Life of the Colony took place recently (says a contributor) when Lady Peel (President of the Girl Guide Association) honoured with her presence a tea-party given by Mrs. W. T. Southorn (Colony Commissioner) as a farewell to Mrs. T. H. King and Miss Dudley and a welcome to Mrs. E. B. Reed. In addition Lady Peel kindly presented the Prince of Wales's Banner to the winning Company.

On arrival Lady Peel was welcomed by the Colony Commissioner and the Headquarters Committee were presented to her:—Mrs. R. M. Dyer (Treasurer) Mrs. T. H. King (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. S. Luck (Equipment Secretary) Mrs. A. R. H. Phillips (Examination Commissioner) Mrs. W. J. Anderson (District Commissioner, Hong Kong) Mrs. H. Owen Hughes (District Commissioner, Kowloon) and Mrs. E. B. Reed (Hon. Secretary designate).

The 3rd Hong Kong Company Miss Pope (Captain), the winners of the Banner, were drawn up in the garden and Guide In Wai Ying presented Lady Peel with a basket of white lotus flowers, tied with the Guide colours (blue and yellow).

Speed the Parting Guides.

The Colony Commissioner then said that it was not an occasion for speeches. She must just express to Lady Peel the very great pleasure it gave everyone to see her there and to thank her for so kindly consenting to present the Prince of Wales's Banner to the winning Company. The other object of the party was to welcome the coming and speed the parting Guides. Every one was very sorry to lose Mrs. King and Miss Dudley, the former temporarily, the latter permanently. Mrs. King had given splendid help as Honorary Secretary during the past year. Miss Dudley had done wonderful work both in Guiding and in International Girls' Club work. Unfortunately she was now returning to America and she would be greatly missed. The Guided's affectionate wishes would go with her, and they hoped to hear from her so that they might still keep in touch. They also wished Mrs. King a happy leave and a safe return to them and at the same time they welcomed warmly Mrs. Reed, an old and valued friend of Guiding, who would take over the Secretarial work.

The Colony Commissioner then asked Lady Peel to present the Prince of Wales's Banner to the 3rd Hong Kong Company (Bellios School). This Company had won the banner three times and, though young in years, it had gained golden opinions from all interested in Guide work in the Colony.

Lady Peel's Congratulations. Lady Peel, in a few well-chosen words, congratulated the Company on their success and dwelt upon the pleasing fact that it was the third time they had won it since their formation in November, 1926, and the second year in succession.

Lady Peel then handed the Banner to the Guides and Miss Lopes, the Captain, was presented to her. Three lusty cheers were then given for Lady Peel.

Afterward tea and games were the order of the day.

Among those present were:—Mrs. E. R. Hallifax, Mrs. Douglas Jenkins, Frau Hahn, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, M.B.E., Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, Miss Woo, M.B.E., Miss Skinner (Principal of Bellios Public School), Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock, Mrs. H. A. Taylor, Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Mrs. T. Y. Chan, Miss Alice Kwok, Miss Buckwell, Miss Elliott, Mrs. K. F. Dunsterville, Mrs. M. H. Turner, Miss Siggins, Mrs. W. G. Robertson, Mrs. H. H. H. Priestley, Mrs. T. S. Tung, Miss Y. M. Wong, Miss T. J. Ho, Guide Captains and Brown Owls and Ranger Guides, and many other friends of the Guide movement.

## KING'S VISIT TO BALMORAL.

Alteration in Castle Gardens.

London, May 25. Preparations are well ahead at Balmoral Castle, Aberdeenshire, for the King's annual visit to his Highland home. The Court generally arrives at Deeside about the middle of August, but it is rumoured that the visit may be earlier this year. Workmen are engaged in constructing a rock garden in the grounds. This, when finished will be one of the finest in the district. The Queen, who takes a deep interest in the castle gardens, and when in residence personally supervises this department, will find fresh delight in the rare Alpine plants which will be a feature of the new rockery. Singapore Free Press, 25.5.34

## STAUNTON STREET FIRE.

Opening Proceedings at Inquest.

FEW CHANCES OF ESCAPE.

At an inquest, touching upon the death of Lo Lai-fong, a female, who along with fifteen others were incinerated in a terrible fire which occurred on the first and second floors of 35, Staunton Street, shortly after 9 p.m. on June 8, was commenced at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. Walter Schofield, sat as the Coroner, whilst the following Jury was empanelled:—Mr. H. R. B. Hancock (Foreman), Mr. R. E. H. Oliver and Mr. Ley Kam-fat. Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared on behalf of the Chau Kee fire cracker merchants.

Main Points for Jury. At the outset, the Coroner informed the Jury that the ground floor of 35, Staunton Street was a cracker and joss paper shop. The main points to be considered were these:—(1) How did the woman, Lo Lai-fong, come to her death? (2) Why was there such a great loss of life on the first and second floors, and (3) what are the steps to be taken to prevent future disasters of this kind?

For the Police, Inspector F. W. Shaftain informed his Worship that one of the victims that survived was unable to move about at present and, although she had been discharged from the Government Civil Hospital, she was still under Chinese medical treatment. She would be able to appear in Court to give evidence in about two weeks.

The first witness called was Lee Shiu-ming, a clerk in the Land Office. He said that he was the husband of Lo Lai-fong. When the fire broke out he was at 9, Hollywood Road. On arrival at 35, Staunton Street, he found that the fire had taken a complete hold of the building. Witness, who said that he lived on the second floor of the ill-fated building, described its layout. There were four cubicles and each bed space was occupied by at least two people.

Only Means of Escape. Replying to the Coroner, witness said that the only means of escape from the floor was by jumping over a shrine on to a cockloft and then through a hole in the roof. This hole was always secured. The only other means of exit was by climbing over the railings and going next door. The trap door was about two feet from the cockloft.

Tsang Fuk-yu, of 3, College View, deposed that his deceased mother was the owner of 35, Staunton Street, having purchased the property seven years ago. The family lived on the first and second floors but they moved out three weeks before the fire, owing to the death of the mother. The premises were insured for \$6,000 with \$1,000 extra for loss of rental due to the outbreak of the fire. The ground floor and basement was rented to Chau Kee at \$75 a month. Chau Kee had been there for a year now. Witness was not aware of the fact that there were fire-crackers kept there.

Mr. Armstrong:—No crackers to your knowledge.

Witness:—Not from what I understand.

Witness went on to explain that the Government had disallowed the use of basements as dwellings or as workshops. The basement of 35, Staunton Street was used as a storehouse for joss paper.

Four Insurance Policies. Wong Chau, master of the Chau Kee joss paper and fire cracker shop, was the next witness called. He stated that the shop formerly occupied 37, Staunton Street but on account of misfortunes befalling his children and himself, he moved to No. 35. The shop was insured under four policies, three with the Tai Ping Insurance Company totalling \$8,000, and one with the Chun Shing Insurance Company for \$300. Crackers were kept in two wooden cupboards on the first floor.

In Wooden Cases. Giving the lay out of the first floor, witness said that there were a sitting room and three cubicles. The front room was used for storing paper. His two daughters slept in the second cubicle, whilst his wife, two sons and himself occupied the third cubicle.

Two of the insurance policies were destroyed by the fire but the other two were recovered in a safe on the ground floor next a counter. Fire crackers, which were for sale, were kept in cases. The Coroner:—What sort of cases?—Wooden.

Witness said that cases containing crackers were stored on the basement, whilst boxes con-

taining strings of crackers were placed in the shop exposed. Thirty-four of these boxes of crackers were kept on shelves under the first floor staircase leading to the second floor. Joss paper was stored on the ground floor as well as numerous paper wares. The total value was a little over \$10,000. The cupboards in the front room were against the west wall, and anybody could open them as there were no keys attached. No crackers were made on the premises, but crackers which were shipped from Honan and Canton were unpacked on the ground floor. They were never unpacked on the upper floor.

Tried to Summon Fokis. When the fire broke out witness was sitting at a counter. He first knew of the conflagration when he noticed a bright reflection in the street followed by flames coming out of the first floor. He heard no sounds at all. Witness walked out of the shop slowly, being unable to hurry owing to a lame leg. He proceeded to a monastery in Staunton Street and tried to telephone to a restaurant to summon the immediate return of his foks, but failed.

He was kept back from the fire by the Police. He had to borrow a jacket from a monk to wear! Witness did not see anyone jumping from the blazing building. He stayed until it was all over.

In reply to Inspector Shaftain, witness admitted that there were crackers stored under the staircase leading to the second floor. He also agreed that he applied the shop's stamp to crackers used for ceremonial purposes. The electric wiring was fixed along the wall, and there was no wiring running on the top of the cupboards.

The hearing was adjourned to Monday at 2.30 p.m. when the Jury will inspect the burned-out house.

## LION ATTACKS PLANE.

An Airman's Adventure In Africa.

The German airman, Ernst Udet, who has just returned to Germany from a flying tour in East and Central Africa, has some interesting stories to tell about his experiences of filming animals from the air.

His machine encountered huge herds of gnus, zebras, elephants, and giraffes, which appeared to regard the aeroplane as a new kind of bird, and took little notice of it, so that splendid photographs were taken of them.

Scores of thousands of birds of every kind—storks, cranes, flamingoes, etc.—were also seen, and Udet actually flew for many miles in the midst of a countless swarm of birds returning to Europe from Africa.

Some wild animals, however, looked at the aeroplane with suspicion, particularly rhinoceroses and lions. A rhinoceros actually charged at the machine when it was flying very low, and a lion sprang at it and tore with its claws one of the wings.

Udet was eventually stranded for three days without food and water in the desert in terrific heat as a result of a forced-landing owing to a petrol pipe breaking. He was seen by the British airman Campbell Black and rescued by British military airmen, who escorted him to Khartoum after repairing his machine and providing him with petrol.

## IMPORTANCE OF CROWN COLONIES.

Dr. Drummond Shiels at Empire Society Dinner.

THEIR DIFFICULTIES.

London, May 25.

The economic depression was, I think, reflected this year in the attendance at the dinner of the Royal Empire Society at the Connaught Rooms on May 21, since it was by no means as good as usual. As a rule this function has a general Empire character, and is not connected in any way with particular parts of the world, unless the speakers know something about them. On this occasion the speakers were mainly connected with Australasia, since Earl Jellicoe, who proposed "United Empire" was formerly Governor-General of New Zealand, and Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair, who responded to "Workers in the Empire Cause," was formerly Governor of New South Wales. Colonel Sir Weston Jarvis, who presided in the absence of the Duke of Connaught, who has undergone a small operation to his nose, was mainly connected with South Africa.

I cannot say that the speeches reached a very high level, though there were two interesting points in Earl Jellicoe's remarks. On the one hand he urged the co-operation of all political parties in facing the unemployment issue, and secondly he uttered a rather impassioned warning that the British Navy was being reduced to a level at which the safety of the Empire, which depended upon free maritime connections, was being imperilled.

Dr. Drummond Shiels, the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, who responded to the toast of "United Empire," approved the first suggestion, but was silent about the second criticism. Dr. Shiels, however, was quite interesting in a stolid Scottish sort of way, especially when he devoted himself to the Crown Colonies which, he mentioned, were sometimes overlooked on an occasion of this nature. He laid stress upon their importance, upon their representing 2-million square miles of territory, upon their 50 to 60 millions of people and upon the value of their annual trade, which is upwards of \$500 million. He pointed out that the Colonial Office was in correspondence with 50 different governments, including some of the most interesting people in the world.

Rubber Industry Difficulties. Dr. Shiels called attention to the very difficult economic position of many of the Crown Colonies and mentioned particularly East Africa and the rubber industry of Malaya, and he pointed out that circumstances were rendering it necessary to make readjustment in many of our Overseas Dependencies, which had not escaped the political restlessness which had come upon the world since the War.

Economic development was required. The other Colonial nations of the world, France, Belgium and Holland were devoting great attention to it, and Great Britain must be careful that they did not fall behind. There were great possibilities of trade development in the Crown Colonies and the remarks of the Prince of Wales with regard to trade prospects in South America were equally applicable to the Colonies. They

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "No Limit." Theatre; "To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Inspiration." Theatre; "To-day—Central Theatre; "Balalaeva." Theatre; "To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Love Among the Millionaires." Theatre; "To-day—World Theatre; "Wild Company." Theatre; "To-day—Star Theatre; "What a Man."

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Rampura). To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Canada), 10 a.m.; for Europe via Marseilles (Rampura), 10.30 a.m.

Lammerts' Auctions.

June 23—24—Messrs. Sennet Freres' Surplus stocks, York Building, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Lecture by Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld, University, 8.30 p.m. Monday—Whist Drive, St. John's Cathedral Hall, for Poseidon Fund, 8.45 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

CHILDLESS HOMES.

"The Cause Of Empty Sunday Schools."

The Rev. F. J. Walkey, of Northampton, discussing "The Church and Youth," at the assembly of the Baptist Union, said that the decline in their Sunday schools in the last thirty years was because so many Baptist people deliberately decided to be childless, and because the children the church had were taken from them by a rival religious body for Confirmation.

If the Anglican Church could keep the young people after Confirmation, protests would be unnecessary. They would have cause to thank God for a church that could more effectively hold youth than could their own church. But when they saw, after Confirmation, the young people, careless of any discipline or authority, crowding the streets and lanes on Sundays, and growing up indifferent to all the important things of life, when with perfect courtesy, but with absolute firmness, they said: "Hands off the children, for whose spiritual development we have laboured all the year."

must, however, remember that they could not carry on their political and economic development along the haphazard methods of olden days.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland who proposed the toast of "Workers in the Empire Cause," made special reference, of course, to the work of the Royal Empire Society but he wisely pointed out, amid general applause, that the real Empire workers upon whom the burden of Empire rested, were our soldiers and sailors, the planters, the missionaries and the settlers, who were implanting among uncivilized peoples the British sense of fair play and justice.

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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE PROSPECTS.

"Match of the Season"  
To-morrow.

TWO LEADERS MEET.

(By "Short Head.")

Interest in the meeting of the two League leaders—K.C.C. and C.C.C.—to-morrow is as great as on the occasion of the date when the C.C.C. and the Civil Service were to clash last season when rain interfered with the arrangements. All eyes will be cast on the weather forecast for the next twenty-four hours in the hope that it will permit of the following full programme being carried out:

Division I.  
Police (44) v. Talkoo (66)  
K.C.C. (44) v. C.C.C. (78)  
K. Dock (56) v. K.B.G.C. (60)  
C.S.C.C. (57) v. Recreio (47)  
Division II.  
Talkoo (68) v. C.S.C.C. (51)  
Recreio (62) v. Yacht C. (51)  
K.B.G.C. (53) v. K.C.C. (69)  
C.C.C. (79) v. Electric (45)

The figures in parentheses denote the results last season.

In the respective leaders' camps there is the fullest confidence in their ability to lower the others' colours. The result may approximate to that of a couple of seasons ago when the Craigenower just got home on the post by 60-57, but, not yet having seen the K.C.C. in action this season, I will not go so far as to predict that that margin will be in their favour or in favour of their visitors to-morrow.

The Police are at home for the Talkoo R.C. and if they mean to avenge their last two defeats by 20 shots at the Valley they will have to go all out before tea time.

The Kowloon Dock will be at home to the Bowling Green Club and should be good enough to repeat last season's victory, although they have still that defeat by 52-47 of two years ago to wipe out.

The Civil Service meet the Club de Recreio and should be good enough to repeat last season's victory by ten shots. The season before, however, the Recreio surprised them by winning by 61-49.

In this division the Talkoo Club will be at home to the Civil Service, who will have to play well to avoid a repetition of last season's defeat by 58-51.

The Club de Recreio receive the Yacht Club, whom they defeated a year ago by 62-51. The latter are rather erratic this year and are not a "safe bet."

The K.B.G.C. fight their nearest neighbours, the K.C.C., and may just be able to land the full points.

On their own green the C.C.C. should easily account for the Electric Club.

### TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

Division I.  
Club de Recreio: Dr. R. A. C. Basto, A. H. Basto, G. A. Lopes, and C. G. Silva (Skip).

E. L. Barros, P. A. Yvanovich, E. C. Marques, and L. A. Guillerrez (Skip).

A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza, and R. F. Luz (Skip).

Kowloon Bowling G.C.: H. Nish, G. H. Sherriff, S. Eccleshall, and W. Russell (Skip).

R. S. Nichol, T. S. W. West, C. E. Roylance, and D. F. Warren (Skip).

A. K. Taylor, J. Rodger, E. W. L. Hogbin, and L. Guy (Skip).

Civil Service C.C.: F. Jones, W. Westlake, J. Deakin, and J. Hollidge (Skip).

Jas. T. Dobbie, W. E. Hollands, L. E. Longbottom, and A. O. Brawn (Skip).

S. Randle, S. E. Alderman, A. H. Oswick, and J. Gregory (Skip).

Police R.C.: Dall, Brittain, Booker, and Oram (Skip).

McHardy, Gooding, Shepherd, and Mair (Skip).

Clarke, Mist, Reynolds, and West (Skip).

Division II.  
Kowloon Bowling G.C.: H. F. Stoneham, J. S. Logan, W. D. Hale, and A. W. E. Davidson (Skip).

C. E. F. Thompson, C. E. Best, H. H. Rose, and W. S. Drake (Skip).

R. V. White, J. C. Meyer, F. L. Hapley, and W. Petherick (Skip).

Civil Service C.C.: Bebbington, E. R. Wood, R. E. Taylor, and H. Strange (Skip).

Holland and P. Haynes (Skip).

A. Terhuck, J. Willmott, L. Luck, and W. Blackford (Skip).

(Continued at foot of next column.)

### CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN TRIUMPH.

Five Matches Against  
Denmark.

DAVIS CUP RESULTS.

Copenhagen, Yesterday.  
Czecho-Slovakia won the two remaining singles matches to-day to defeat Denmark in the semi-final of the European Zone of the Davis Cup by five matches to love.

Results as enabled by Reuter were as follow—  
Menzel (Czecho-Slovakia) beat Worm (Denmark) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

Hecht (Czecho-Slovakia) beat Ulrich (Denmark) 5-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Earlier Results.  
Menzel and Marcelek (Czecho-Slovakia) beat Ulrich and Worm (Denmark) 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Menzel (Czecho-Slovakia) beat Ulrich (Denmark) 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.

Hecht (Czecho-Slovakia) beat Henriksen (Denmark) 6-8, 6-0, 3-6, 6-2, 11-9.

### ASCOT RACING.

GEN. LAMBTON'S "TRENDON"  
WINS GOLD CUP.

"TOTE" RECEIVES £66,800.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Owing to a brief but sudden rainstorm, which began when the King and Queen were about to drive down the course on their visit to the Ascot race meeting to-day, the Royal party went past the enclosure in closed landaus.

The principal race in the programme was for the "Gold Cup," which was won by Brigadier-General Lambton's Trendon. Lord Glanely's Singapore was second and Mrs. James's Salmon Leap third.

The betting was 3/1, 6/1, 100/3. The total takings of the totalisator at Ascot to-day exceeded £66,800.—British Wireless Service.

### FOOTBALL.

ANOTHER SOUTH CHINA WIN  
AT MALANG.

At Malang a crowd of about ten thousand saw their selected eleven go down to the tourists to the tune of seven goals to nil. The South China centre forward was in fine form, obtaining four of the goals. Ip Pak-wa scored two and Tam Kong-pak one.

Again this year I am optimistic, and even more so than I was last year and the year before. This year I am quite certain British lawn tennis will come into its own.—H. W. Austin.

Club de Recreio: L. F. Xavier, J. M. S. Rosario, A. V. Barros, and J. G. Ozorio (Skip).  
F. Xavier, J. M. M. Alves, J. J. Basto, and F. V. Ribeiro (Skip).  
F. Prata, H. Rosario, E. M. Remedios, and F. X. M. Silva (Skip).

### OPEN SINGLES.

J. Gregory v. R. Bass.

On the Civil Service green last night J. Gregory (C.S.C.C.) met R. Bass (C.C.C.). Gregory got on form first and led by 10-2 after seven heads. The next six heads were monopolised by Bass, who took the lead by 11-10. Gregory, on the next three heads, raised his score to 16, but Bass scored 1, 4, 3, to lead by 19-15. Gregory again got level on the 21st head.

In the succeeding head he lay one and only required to be tapped out with Bass's last wood for the latter to score 3. Instead he knocked up Gregory's nearest front wood and gave him a couple.

Gregory thus won by 21-19.

Brawn v. Farrell.

On the C.C.C. green A. O. Brawn (C.S.C.C.) and P. T. Farrell (K.C.C.) met. The play was even for the first nine heads, when Brawn led by 6-5. He monopolised all the remaining heads except one (a 3 for Farrell) and won easily by 23-8 after 19 heads.

G. Thompson v. Mitchell.

This match between G. Thompson (K.B.G.C.) and G. Mitchell (Kowloon Dock) was won by Mitchell after 21 heads had been played.

The survivors of the preliminary round so far are:

Brawn, C.S.C.C.; Gregory, C.S.C.C.; Hampton, K.C.C.; Brawn, K.C.C.; Mitchell, K.C.C.; Brawn, K.C.C.; Gregory, C.C.C.; Ward, C.C.C.

### BRITISH LADIES SUCCESSFUL.

Overwhelm the French  
at Eastbourne.

TENNIS SURPRISE.

Eastbourne, Yesterday.  
The defeat of the French ladies yesterday by six matches to nil in the Lawn Tennis encounter against the British contingent at Eastbourne came as a mild surprise to their supporters. To-day, however, British Wireless News informs us that the six matches played to-day were all won by the British players, making a total of twelve matches as against nil for the two days' play.

On the eve of the annual Wimbledon tournaments this comes as a good omen to the many British supporters.

### NO MORE TENNIS FOR SUZANNE.

Persuaded to Give Her  
Opinions.

"IRREVOCABLE" DECISION.

Paris.  
For the first time for several years Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen has allowed an interviewer to persuade her to talk about lawn tennis. In this interview, published in the Paris-Soir, she declares, however, that her resolution never to touch a tennis racket again, "unless perhaps, to amuse myself," is irrevocable.

Nevertheless, her remarks seem to indicate that she still takes an interest in the game in which she won so many triumphs. In the past few years, she says, enormous progress has been made by them, while women players, in her opinion, have achieved very little. Borotra, Bousus, Lacoste, and many more have followed in the footsteps of Tilden, but who may be regarded as worthy successors of Helen Wills and Suzanne Lenglen herself?

"Very few women have proved themselves good enough to make people forget these two women players," is Mlle. Lenglen's reply.

Amongst the younger players Mlle. Lenglen does not think that America has produced any sensational discoveries this year. "A good average without brilliance," is her comment. "I believe for this reason," she adds, "that we (France) shall win the Davis Cup once more. If Cochet recovers from his illness it is a certainty."

The former tennis star explained that she had temporarily relinquished her position in a dress-making establishment, hinting that her reason for doing so was the depression in this industry.

### BOXING WITH NO FOULS.

Viciously and Savagely  
Fouled.

AMERICAN FIASCO.

Young Johnny Brown, the St. George's bantam-weight, beat Willy Sues, a New York Jew, on a foul, the American being disqualified after what the ringside described as "viciously and savagely fouling Brown."

Brown looked to be in wonderful shape, and used his two-fisted attack to good advantage, while the spectators, who were very much with Brown, stood up with excitement whenever Brown was getting the better of matters.

Since the "no foul" rule was instituted the rings have been cleaner than was expected, but it is considered that never were there such deliberate foul blows as those witnessed in this fight, nor a gamer victim who upheld the finest traditions of British courage.

In the dressing room after the fight Brown said that he was in terrible pain, but he knew that he had to carry on "just like Kid Berg would."

Ugly scenes were prevented by the courage of the referee, Jimmy Crowley, who ignored the "no foul" rule by disqualifying Sues. Crowley declared that there was no other course open to him. Had he obeyed the New York Boxing Commission's mandate and counted Brown out as he lay writhing on the canvas, there would have been a riot.

Primo Carners, as a boxer, could not knock your hat off."

Jimmy Johnston.

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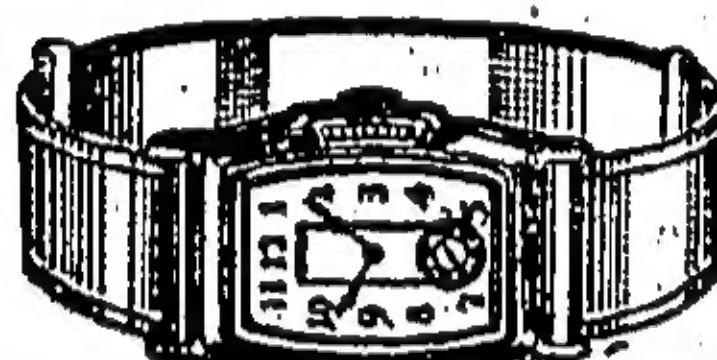
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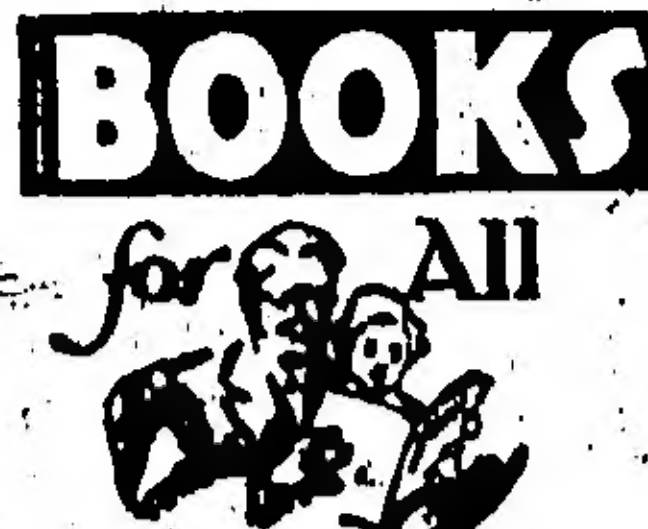
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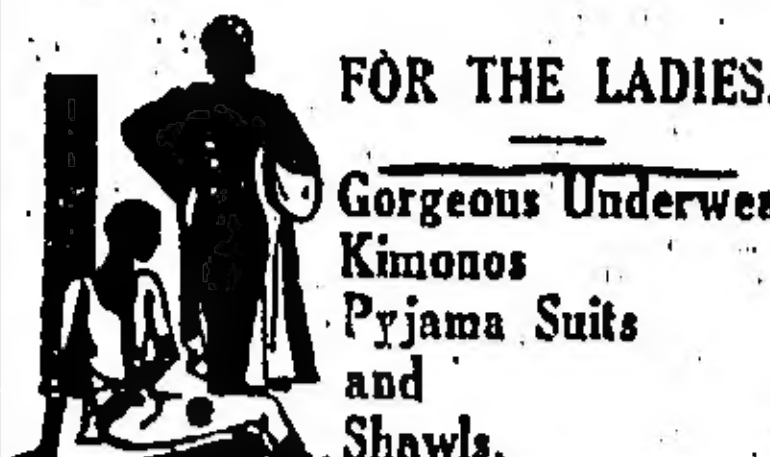
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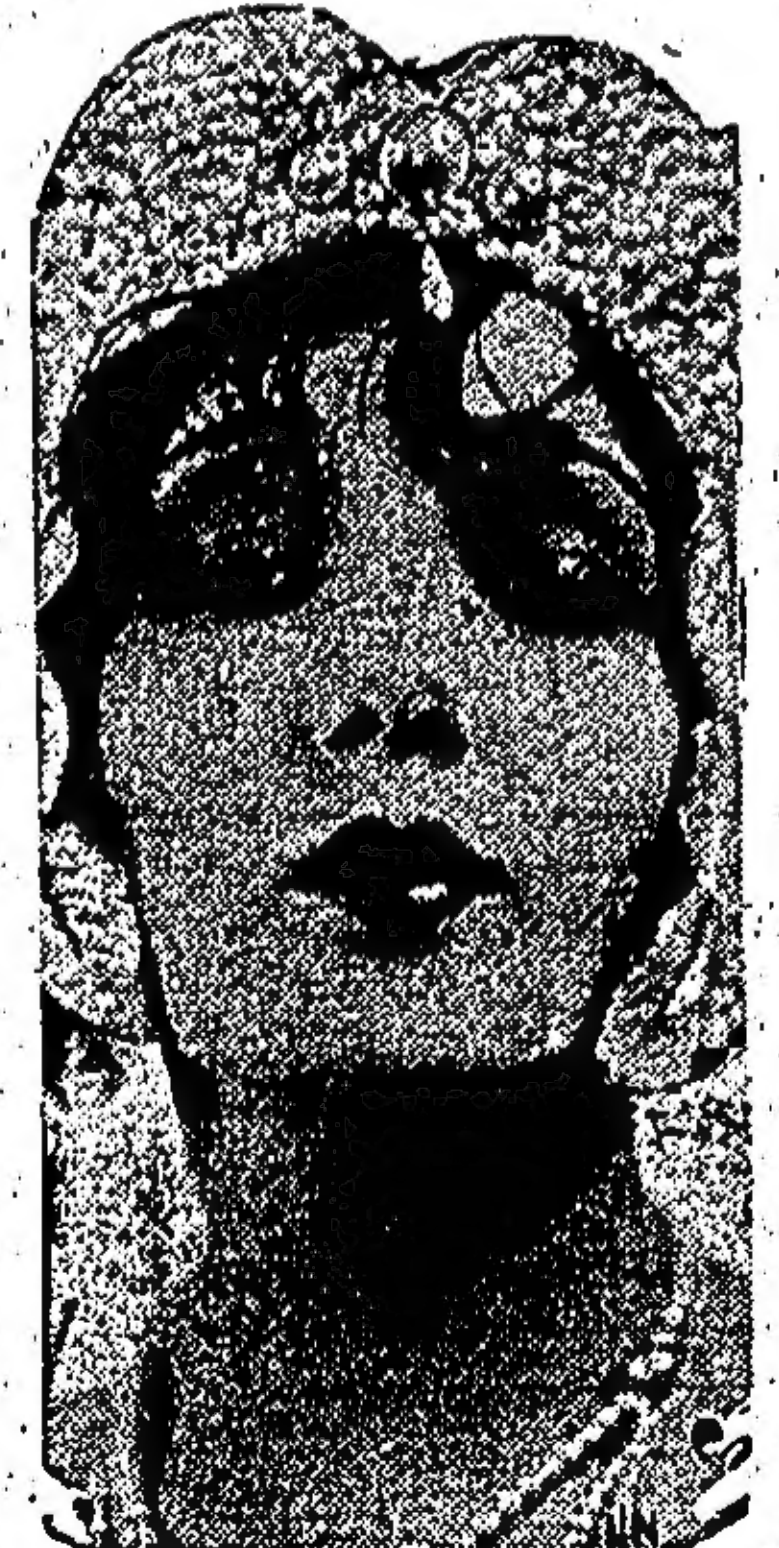
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by  
Liane

There is a promising series of  
pictures coming to the Central. I  
should rate "The Right to Love,"  
with Ruth Chatterton, as the best.  
See this lovely thing by all means.  
Ruth is "all actress," as the mother  
who knew love—for a brief time—  
and wanted her daughter to know  
it too. She plays both parts with  
perfection—Sincere, beautiful, poi-  
gnant work. Paul Lukas is worthy  
of the star. Expert direction, per-  
fect recording and the best double  
photography up-to-date. "Queen  
High" a Musical Comedy. Lots of



Lupe Velez.

laughs, plenty of girls, quite pretty  
songs. Charles Ruggles and Frank  
Morgan supply the chuckles, Ginger  
Rogers and Stanley Smith help.  
Tolstoy's old-timer, which has been  
done to death, "Resurrection" with  
Lupe Velez, doing good work, and  
John Boles singing a few songs.  
Again directed by Edward Carewe.  
"Dracula," which I saw on the  
stage with the original actor—Bela  
Lugosi. Quite a thriller, not the  
type about which I rave, still, to  
be recommended. Then there is  
"Phantom of the Opera." Every-  
one speaks this time, except Lon  
Chaney. Rather patched up—but  
it may interest. A gem of a pic-  
ture is the last effort of Murnau,  
the German Director who was re-

cently killed in a motor accident.  
Native cast—no talking, gorgeous  
tropical surroundings, taken in one  
of the beauty spots in the Pacific  
Ocean. All sorts of stories, so I  
hope for good patronage at the  
Central.

"The Social Lion."  
Popular Jack Oakie appears  
in a comedy of smart youth with  
sublime belief in himself. In "The  
Social Lion" he encounters sur-  
prises in the ring and later on the  
polo field, after some unforgettable  
lessons. Skeets Gallagher is usual  
good foil for Oakie. Quite an  
amusing story. This new per-  
sonality is worthy of stardom.  
(Central).

I regret to state that Clara Bow  
is on the down grade—At least I  
think so after seeing "No Limit."  
I might well ask is there no limit  
to the terrible stories Paramount  
hand to her? Written by a two  
year old I should guess. Norman  
Foster at his worst. Clara over-  
played, and over-acting. Might  
please some but did not please me,  
because I rated Clara, hitherto, as  
an actress. (King's).

"Fighting Caravans" with Garry  
Cooper as the young scout. Lily



Lily Damita.

Damita quite wasted. If you re-  
member "The Covered Wagon" you  
know the story. Tully Marshall

and Ernest Torrence again steal  
the picture. Wonderful scenery.  
(Central).

## "Rookery Nook."

I am glad "Rookery Nook" is  
coming. To my mind the best  
British film I have yet seen. Be-  
cause it is simply the whole play  
with same cast transported from  
the stage to screen. Who could be  
better than Ralph Lynn? Laughs  
galore. Of the other British film  
"Balalaeva"—I think a contem-  
porary silence will meet the bill.  
How and WHY was anyone  
ALLOWED to face a camera?  
especially a man trading on a well-  
known brother's name. If they are  
typical of well-bred British voices  
—I, for one, prefer the nasal tones  
of our American cousin. If there  
is one accent I loathe it is the  
common Cockney. I think we hear



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spoken by cultured American stage  
artists—John Barrymore, Ruth  
Chatterton—Gilbert Emery, Nance  
O'Neil, Norma Shearer, etc.

I saw a magnificent picture in  
America. "Men without Women."  
Would give local audiences the  
chance of how it feels to be in a  
sunken submarine. You may study  
the reactions of a group of men  
imprisoned at the bottom of the  
sea with very little oxygen and  
little chance of escape, but with  
plenty of nonchalance. It is a  
grave situation but is handled in  
a way that makes it effective and  
moving. Kenneth McKenna plays  
the part of a British ex-Naval  
officer serving in an American sub-  
marine, which strange to relate is  
sent to the bottom by a freighter

in the China Sea. Cast is entirely  
masculine except for some  
sequences in the naughty streets  
of Shanghai. Excellently acted by  
one and all. After the style of  
"Journey's End," showing the re-  
actions of the trapped crew, from  
cool courage to madness. Startling  
fare with lots of suspense, and a  
surprising ending—with our  
Briton giving his life that the  
others might have a chance for  
theirs. It might be worth while  
putting on at a local theatre to  
help to swell the Posidon subscrip-  
tion list.

## Reginald Denny.

"What a Man" with Reginald  
Denny, is not great, but he is de-  
lightful, (he could not be anything  
else). The little "Star" is a family  
theatre, with its very comfortable  
arm chairs, plenty of fans and the  
sound is now working to perfec-  
tion. One of my favourite spots on  
warm evenings.

Postponed till June 28 is Charlie  
Chaplin in "City Lights." I really  
wonder whether it will have any  
effect upon the Talkies. After see-  
ing this beautiful silent picture I  
candidly admit to a partiality for  
the Movies—with the added attrac-  
tion of sound. The inter-relation  
of sound and picture is still in its  
early stages. The musical gags  
are synchronized with a deft touch  
by Mr. Chaplin. When he inhales  
spaghetti, swallows the whistle,  
and hiccoughs a la staccato, shuffles  
down the steps, in the fighting  
arena—Chaplin has chosen to ex-  
press himself through a great  
universal language—music. He  
speaks through the throbbing tones  
of the violin, in other moments the  
pizzicato, then again the clarinet,  
saxophone or bassoon. We find a  
real transcription of Chaplin in  
the sound ideas of this picture. I do  
not think it as great as "The Gold  
Rush," nor "Shoulder Arms," but  
in this picture there are rare  
moments. I have never seen any-  
thing much more funny than the  
opening Unveiling Ceremony. Oc-  
casional touches of vulgarity, but  
certainly amusing. There is more  
of the pathetic aspiration. The  
little tramp (known the world  
over) left friends a blind flower girl  
(beautifully played by Virginia  
Cherrill). Falls in love and in  
trying to help is accused of theft.  
His pathetic pose of wealth stands  
revealed at the end when the girl,  
her sight restored sees her hero,  
for the first time, as the down-  
trodden dilapidated tramp. Through  
the seriously comic romance runs  
the adventures with the drunken  
millionaire, the chap who makes a  
bosom pal of the tramp when  
drunk, and has him thrown out  
when he is sober. Harry Myers is

excellent in this part. (Coming  
on June 28, Queen's).

## "Bachelor Father."

Marion Davies is certainly good  
in "Bachelor Father" with the old-  
timer English stage favourite—C.  
Aubrey Smith, also Ralph Forbes.  
Pretty story. "Reducing" with two  
of the biggest favourites—Marie  
Dressler and Polly Moran. Not  
enough of the beauty parlour, and  
too much of saying the girl from  
the first false step, but all the  
same the picture is good. Anita

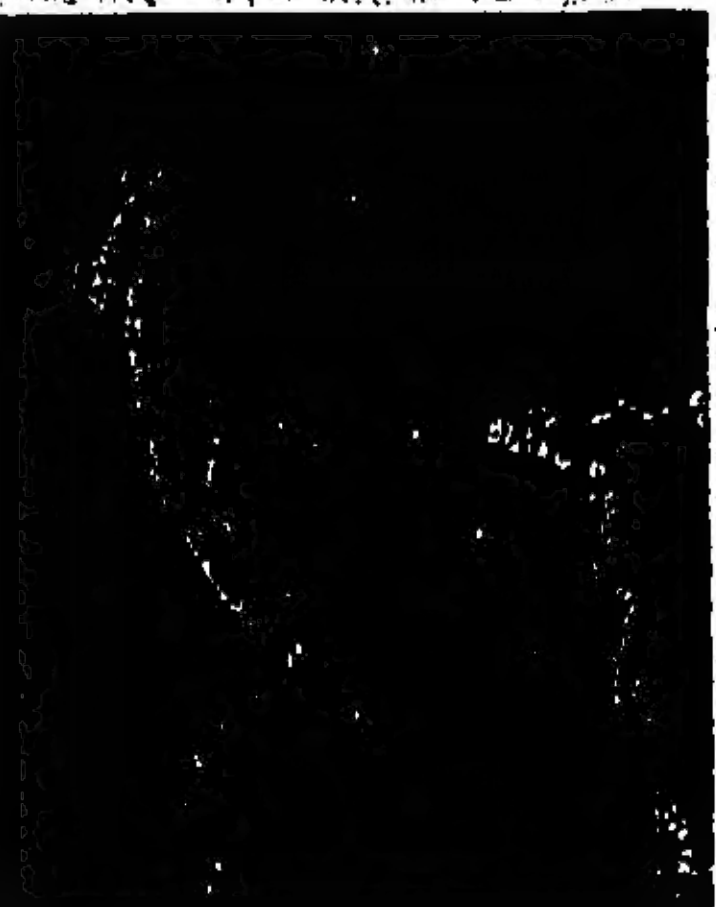


Sally Eilers.

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lier and others. With the combin-  
ed efforts of the stars, you will ad-  
mit to an enjoyable evening.  
After all there is no one better  
than Marie and Polly. Always  
worth while. (Queen's).

## Greta Garbo.

"Inspiration" is a re-write of the  
old French story "Sapho" by  
Alphonse Daudet. A courtesan's  
love for a young undergraduate,



Greta Garbo.

the bitterness of her discovery of  
its futility, its exaltation, its de-  
gradation, with the background of  
life in the early seventies, is now  
depicted in this present-day story,  
with Greta in gorgeous gowns de-  
signed by Adrian. We see superb  
acting by Greta Garbo, a bad  
"let-down" by her lover—Robert  
Montgomery. Picture of woman  
trying to hide past, lovers' tiffs, re-  
conciliations, again more worry  
over PAST, then the final good-bye  
note and the exit of heroine into  
the snow while her lover is sleep-  
ing. A large cast surrounds the  
star. Lewis Stone—looking very  
old—John Miljan, Judith Vosseli,  
Marjorie Rameau, making a small  
part stand out. I could not recog-  
nize the boy I had so admired in  
"Their Own Desires" and "Blush-  
ing Brides." What came over  
Robert? Greta is magnificent in  
her large part, and made the best  
of a worn-out story. Not to be  
missed if only to compare Greta  
with Marlene, and see HOW Greta  
scores. (Queen's).

The one and only picture of its  
kind—"The Royal Family of  
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an insight into the lives of actors  
—touching, ridiculous and charm-  
ing. Fredric March is magnificent  
as Anthony, I love Ina Claire as



Mary Brian.

Julia, a brilliant comedienne with  
a gift of pathos. Henrietta  
Crosman, stage star, and Mary  
Brian surprisingly good as Gwen.  
It is daring, but most certainly  
outstanding. Coming shortly to  
the King's.

## HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Renee Adore putting on weight,  
but still at the Sanitarium, Lila

Lee, I am glad to say, has left for  
a long ocean voyage.

Marlene Dietrich, as I expected  
—a big FLOP in her newest pic-  
ture. The enormous advertising  
publicity given by Paramount has  
not caused the "Fans" to waver in  
their adoration of Greta Garbo.  
There is this difference—Greta  
"delivers the goods"—Marlene  
CANNOT. (Do you agree?)

Divorce—Estelle Taylor and  
Jack Dempsey, William (Stage)  
Boy from his actress wife, Clare  
Joel, Pauline Stark from Jack  
White, the old-timer—Cranes Wil-  
ber—Just to mention a few.

Robert Edson and Thomas San-  
tschi—both "Gone West" will be  
sadly missed. Glad to report that  
the son and heir of the Lloyd  
family—young Bud—has gained  
five pounds in three months.  
Beulah Love has been appearing  
on the stage in Hollywood. I  
think her number is up on the  
screen.

## THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Anniversary Spent At  
Sandringham.

London, May 25.  
The Queen was 64 on Tuesday of  
this week, and for the first time  
for several years she spent the an-  
niversary at her favourite re-  
sidence—Sandringham, which is  
always home, to the Royal Family.  
As in past years, the Queen made  
no special preparations for the  
day, but there was a private family  
luncheon party, at which the King,  
the Prince of Wales, Prince  
George, and other members of the  
family were present. The Queen's  
children had been busy selecting  
presents for their mother and dur-  
ing the morning the Queen receiv-  
ed the gifts from them: Four little  
gifts came from her grandchildren—  
Princess Elizabeth, Princess  
Margaret, Viscount Lascelles, and  
Master Gerald Lascelles. Tele-  
grams and congratulations came to  
her from all over the world. The  
bells at Sandringham parish  
church were rung in honour of the  
day and nearly every house was  
decked with flags. In London flags  
were flown on all Government  
buildings and public offices, and a  
Salute of 21 guns was fired in  
Hyde Park.

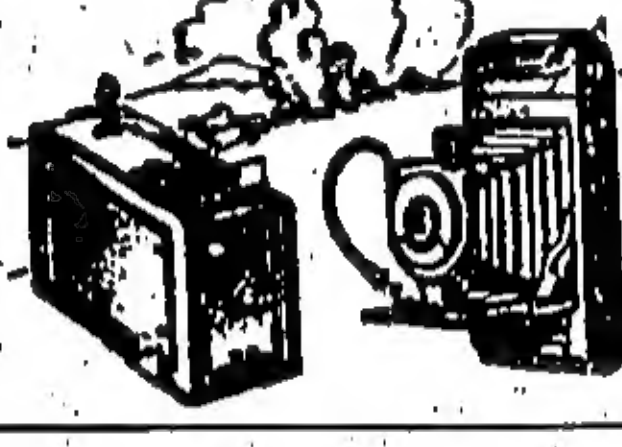
The Royal Family will have a  
very busy time within the next few  
weeks. After the Court's return to  
London the Queen—especially will  
be seen out a good deal. She will  
accompany the King to the opera  
on Friday, and will be present at  
the Trooping of the colour celebra-  
tion of the King's birthday on June  
6.—Singapore Free Press.



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**DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but  
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic  
spellings, such as harbor, plane, and altho.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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<b>HORIZONTAL</b>	<b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b>	<b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b>
1-Cholera	39-A town in N. France	11-Bands
2-Intent	40-Noah's ship	12-A weight measure
3-The (Ger.)	41-Inspired with and love	13-Eagles
4-Any open space	42-Retail	14-A town in Piedmont, Italy
5-Girl's name	43-Terminate	15-A short gaffer worn over the shoe
6-Curious scraps of literature	44-Diminutive suffix	16-Fatty tissue used for making tallow
7-Rave	45-Parade	17-Bleached
8-Flapping, as sails	46-Titles; former Russian rulers	18-Heavy woolen bed coverings
9-Against yards	47-Founder of Astoria, Ore.	19-To bring into a curve
10-Goddess of malicious mischief (Gr. Myth.)	48-Name of a blow	20-Privation
11-Ennervate	49-As much as a spoon	21-A fortified seaport in Italy
12-Founder of Astoria, Ore.	50-Bars of a fence	22-A place where merchandise is exposed for sale
13-To stupify by a blow	51-Name of a song	23-Seminary (abbr.)
14-As much as a spoon	52-Name of a pope	24-Ascended
15-Bars of a fence	53-Name of a song	25-To look at
16-Curious scraps of literature	54-Name of a song	26-Feminine name
17-Rave	55-Name of a song	27-Widow
18-Flapping, as sails		28-Name of a song
19-Against yards		29-Name of a song
20-Goddess of malicious mischief (Gr. Myth.)		30-Name of a song
21-Ennervate		31-Name of a song
22-Founder of Astoria, Ore.		32-Name of a song
23-To stupify by a blow		33-Name of a song
24-As much as a spoon		34-Name of a song
25-Bars of a fence		35-Name of a song
26-Curious scraps of literature		36-Name of a song
27-Rave		37-Name of a song
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53-To stupify by a blow		
54-As much as a spoon		
55-Bars of a fence		

(The solutions of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

**ROUND THE CINEMAS**  
**FAMOUS CHARGE OF LIGHT BRIGADE.**

"BALACLAVA."

"Balacava," an all-talking British film based on historical facts of the famous Charge of the Light Brigade and the gallant deed of the "Thin Red Line" occurred in October, 1854, which is showing at the Central Theatre now, is a military history any Briton can well be proud of. The Central Theatre is to be congratulated on being able to introduce such a picture to the Hong Kong public. They deserve to have crowded houses, to their credit as there have been the last two nights.

What has been described as "the holiest of fakes" proves a magnificent spectacle when the Light Brigade charge the Russian guns and army in the Valley of Death. Although all reconstructions are "fakes," one sometimes wonders if critics of films would have "actualities." There is in some circles such a desire for exactitude that even the reconstruction of the famous Charge has to endure the sneer of superiority.

A journalist who went to Aldershot to witness the Charge of the Light Brigade for the picture wrote: "Realism so stark that eyes stared appalled and people cried out in fear came to Long Valley, Aldershot, where the Charge of the Light Brigade was filmed. Grey against the sky line were the Russians. Across the valley was the Brigade on prancing chargers, with Lord Cardigan at their head. A man sat silent in front of an electric switchboard. He was the 'gunner,' and exploded hidden charges. Powerful motor cars with cameras aboard waited with throbbing engines. A shot 'Are you ready?' A pistol shot, and—war broke loose.

"Down the valley came the British Brigade. Young, untired horses, maddened by the flash and din, bolted at frantic speed. "The Charge went on. As the flying columns passed we saw limping, unhorsed troopers doggedly marching towards the guns. The British army contains the finest actors in the world! I saw two troopers take nasty falls. A director bellowed 'Stay down!' and the two men writhed and groaned as if in their death agony. Nearly by a sound machine was recording the clash of battle.

"It was more than a film scene, it was that gallant charge lived again."

According to the announcement of the Central Theatre, to-morrow will be the last day of the screening of this British picture. Those who have not seen it are advised not to miss the last chance.

**"NO LIMIT"**

In "No Limit" now showing at the King's Theatre, Clara has one swell picture, and one that will well reward her fans. The story is well-knit, well-balanced between comedy and drama. It moves fast, and is thoroughly entertaining every minute. Frank Tuttle has done a fine job with the direction of this picture. It has lots of "touches," and the dramatic scenes have been handled exceptionally well—never becoming too heavy for the class of picture into which this picture falls.

There is a new Clara Bow in "No Limit," and one who does some fine acting, and shows restraint. prettier and better dressed than she has appeared for a long time. Stuart Erwin, as the dumb Swede, was, as always, excruciating while on the screen. "No Limit" is a well-written, well-acted, and very well-directed comedy drama—the best Miss Bow has had in a long, long time.

**"INSPIRATION"**

Paris sylvan cafes, where trysting nooks for intimate luncheons are hidden in tree branches, are reproduced in Greta Garbo's new starring picture, "Inspiration," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre.

Clarence Brown, who directed the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature, visited the romantic woodland cafes during a trip abroad last year and was so impressed by their charm and novel atmosphere that he utilized the background for one of the love scenes between the star and Robert Montgomery, the leading man.

**"THE ROYAL FAMILY OF BROADWAY"**

Frederic March, who plays the leading male role in "The Royal Family of Broadway," has played the same part on the stage. He is acquiring a reputation for his Paramount picture. His first movie part was in "The Dummy," as the husband of Ruth Chatterton.

Ina Claire, stage and screen favourite, whose blonde and other charms lend glamour to "The Royal Family of Broadway," is in private life the wife of John Gilbert, famous silent (era) lover.

Henrietta Crossman, who plays the role of the beloved grandmother in that mad and merry tale, "The Royal Family of Broadway," coming on the screen at the King's Theatre on Sunday, is in private life the wife of Major Maurice Campbell, who recently, resigned as Prohibition Administrator of the New York district.

Mary Brian's first Eastern-made talkie is "The Royal Family of Broadway" produced by Paramount Public at its New York studio. Miss Brian plays the role of Gwen Cavendish, daughter of Julia Cavendish, the heroine of this saga of a family of theatrical stars.

**"REDUCING"**

Players have to learn a lot of minute details in the making of motion pictures.

Take the cast of "Reducing," for example, the new Marie Dressler-Polly Moran comedy which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

Marie Dressler had to take lessons from a masseur in order to learn the correct beauty parlour technique.

Lucien Littlefield, mail-carrier, husband of the buxom Marie, carried his right shoulder strapped down in order to give the effects of years of toting heavy bags of letters. And Lucien, too, had to learn how to snore, an accomplishment which he swears he had never before practised.

Polly Moran actually gives a woman a permanent wave in this riotous story of beauty parlours and if a man doesn't think this requires advance study have him ask any female relative.

**"FIGHTING CARAVANS"**

"Fighting Caravans," the thrilling and spectacular drama of the battling pioneers who beat their trails across the American continent, is the new attraction which the Central Theatre is showing from Sunday. Gary Cooper and Lily Damita head an exceptionally large and forceful cast of well-known screen favourites in this epic picture of the forefathers of the American West.

The picture has been filmed on the same gigantic scale which made "The Covered Wagon" a never-to-be-forgotten screen presentation. The lives, the equipment, the characters, even the dangers and privations of those forward pushing days have been reconstructed, and brought to life on the screen, in a breath-taking production that will make moving picture history. It is Zane Grey's best-seller novel brought to the screen again in every reality. In the cast are Ernest Torrence and Tully Marshall those two bold scouts of "The Covered Wagon."

**MALAY SETTLEMENT IN PENANG**

Site Selected Near Ayer Ram.

A Malay Settlement in Penang on the lines of the one in Singapore will soon be an accomplished fact, says the Straits Echo. Some time ago a request was made to His Excellency the Governor by the Penang Malays for a Settlement, and in response to that request Government decided to make an experiment. Accordingly the Public Works Department took the work in hand and at present they are going on with the road bridge construction and the lay out of the Settlement for which twenty acres have been acquired in Ayer Ram Road almost adjacent to the Zoo beside the Zoo Reserve Road.

At the commencement seventy houses will be built and, if the experiment turns out to be a success, the Settlement will be extended to accommodate one hundred and fifty families. The Settlement will have its own play-ground, schools, gardens, dispensary and burial ground. It has not yet been decided whether each house will be fitted with electricity and water supplies, but there will be lights and water taps along the streets.

The houses will be divided into different classes, possibly three, and the rent charged will probably be according to the income of the principal occupant.

Work has commenced on the construction of the new central steam heating plant of the North-eastern Public Service Corporation, Penang, and it is expected that over 600 men will be employed on this structure.

**HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.**

**APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.**

		June 10, June, June.			1931. 1918. 1914.		
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
<b>Butcher Meat.</b>							
Beef Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	33	24	12		
Prime Cut	牛尾	lb.	30	23	11		
Corned	牛尾	lb.	23	12			
Roast	牛尾	lb.	33	24	22		
Breast	牛尾	lb.	30	20	18		
Soup	牛尾	lb.	27	20	18		
Steak	牛尾	lb.	33	24	22		
Steak Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	46	30	35		
Sausages	牛尾	lb.	86	26	20		
Bull's Brains	牛尾	per set	17	10	12		
Tongue, fresh	牛尾	each	75	50	00		
Tongue, corned	牛尾	each	60				
Head	牛尾	lb.	\$1.20	\$1.20			
Heart	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14		
Hump, salt	牛尾	lb.	20	18			
Feet	牛尾	each	12	10	12		
Kidneys	牛尾	lb.	15	10	12		
Tail	牛尾	lb.	27	20	22		
Liver	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14		
Tripe	牛尾	lb.	8	6	7		
Calves' Head & Feet	牛尾	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00		
Mutton Chop	牛尾	lb.	44	28			
Leg	牛尾	lb.	44	28			
Shoulder	牛尾	lb.	40	24			
Saddle	牛尾	lb.	44				
Pig's Chittlings	牛尾	Per set	3				
Brains	牛尾	lb.	16	15			
Feet	牛尾	lb.	28	15	18		
Fry	牛尾	lb.	18	20			
Head	牛尾	each	15	10	10		
Heart	牛尾	lb.	15	10	8		
Kidneys	牛尾	lb.	48	30	24		
Liver	牛尾	lb.	38	25	23		
Fork Chop	牛尾	lb.	38	25	23		
Leg	牛尾	lb.	38	25	23		
Loin	牛尾	lb.	44	60	70		
Fat or Lard	牛尾	lb.	26	21			
Sheep's Head & Feet	牛尾	per set	50	60	70		
Heart	牛尾	each	12	8	7		
Kidneys	牛尾	lb.	15	12	10		
Liver	牛尾	lb.	45	28	25		
Sucking Pigs, to order	牛尾	lb.	25	25	23		
Suet, Beef	牛尾	lb.	80	20	18		
Mutton	牛尾	lb.	86	26	26		
Veal	牛尾	lb.	22	20	20		
Sausages	牛尾	lb.	28				
<b>Fish.</b>							
Barbel	魚	lb.	50	16	24		
Bream	魚	lb.	32	20	16		
Capton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	32				
Carp	魚	lb.	32	13	16		
Catfish	魚	lb.	38	18	27		
Codfish	魚	lb.	35	12	9		
Crabs	魚	lb.	44	16	17		
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	25	23	26		
Dab	魚	lb.	28	16	27		
Dace	魚	lb.	42	23	16		
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	22	10			
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	40	10	8		
Fresh Water	魚	lb.	42	10	8		
Yellow	魚	lb.	74	26	30		
Frogs	魚	lb.	80	32	25		
Garo	魚	lb.	28	40	30		
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	30	22	18		
Herrings	魚	lb.	32	13	23		
Hallbut	魚	lb.	38	18	16		
Labrus	魚	lb.	70	32	13		
Loach	魚	lb.	58	62	24		
Lobsters	魚	lb.	38	32	21		
Mackerel	魚	lb.	42	20	20		
Monk Fish	魚	lb.	38	18	2		
Mullet	魚	lb.	35	12	2		
Oysters	魚	lb.	26	14	9		
Perch	魚	lb.	28	30	15		
Pike	魚	lb.	42	16	9		
Plaice	魚	lb.	42	36	29		
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	50	36	30		
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	70	10	14		
Prawns	魚	lb.	25	10	14		
Ray	魚	lb.	26	13	18		
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	30	22	10		
Roach	魚	lb.	50	56	30		
Salmon	魚	lb.	21	8	10		
Shark	魚	lb.	21	10	10		
Skate	魚	lb.	62	33	80		
Shrimps	魚	lb.	44	28	23		
Snapper	魚	lb.	38	22	23		
Sole	魚	lb.	32	26	35		
Tench	魚	lb.	32	12	12		
Turbot	魚	lb.	1.20	40			
Winters, small, fr. water	魚	lb.	1.20	40			
<b>Poultry.</b>							
Chicken	雞	lb.	60	30	31		
Capons, Small	雞	lb.	60	23	30		
Capons, Large	雞	lb.	60	23	30		
Duck	鴨	lb.	45				
Doves	鳩	each	45	22	21		
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	33	18			
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞蛋	each	30	25	20		
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	68	36	24		
Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	58	35	24		
Geese	鴨	lb.	46	24	24		
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	45	80			
Holhoo	鴿	each	35	23			
Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	80				
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	each	65	61	45		
Sulph	火雞	each	25				
Pheasant	山雞	pair	3.50				
Quail	山雞	each	45				
Partridges	山雞	each	45				
<b>Fruits.</b>							
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	85	35			
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	each	36	26			
Bananas (bride's)	蕉	each	12	4			
Carambola	楊桃	each	12				
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10		
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	24	25	30		
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	13	8			
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	90	25	30		
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	each	45				
Oranges	橙	each	55		15		
Pears (Canton)	梨	each	50				
Peanuts	花生	lb.	14	10	12		
Persimmons, Large	紅大柿	each	12				
Plantain	蕉	each	5	9			
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	80	12	6		
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	86		16		
Grapes	提子	each	90				
<b>Vegetables, &amp;c.</b>							
Artichokes	洋蔥	each	12		2		
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	12		8		
Long	豆	each	12		8		
Beet Root	紅甜菜	each	10				
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	each	8	24			
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	each	6	5	8		
Red	紅瓜	each	6	5	8		
Cabbage, Chinese	白菜	each	10				
(Shanghai)	上海白菜	each	18	12			
Cane Shoots, Lunch	菜薹	each	8				
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each					
(Medium)	中花椰菜	each					
(Small)	小花椰菜	each		6	8		
Carrots	金邊	each	16	7	5		
Celery, Chinese	冬菜	each	16	10	6		
Chillies, Dried	辣椒	each	16	25	5		
Red	紅辣椒	each	12	10	10		
Green	青辣椒	each	8	8	12		
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱	each	10	8			
Cucumbers	黃瓜	each	6	2			
Garlic	蒜	each	10	6	6		
Ginger, Young	姜	each	10	7			
Old	老姜	each	8	20			
Korersradish, Shanghai	上海蘿蔔	each	35	8	4		
Indian Corn	玉米	each	8	45			
Lettuce	生菜	each	6	1			
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	each	9		8		
Mandarin	林氏	each	12		8		
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蘑菇	each	35		8		
Okraes	茄子	each	1	10			
Onions, Bombay	鮮蔥	each	10	8	8		
Green	綠蔥	each	6	4	6		
Shanghai	上海蔥	each	8	6			
Parsley	洋蔥	each	40	60	8		
Potato, Sweet	甘薯	each	6	3			
Japanese	日本薯	each	5	3			
American	金山薯	each	5	3			
Pumpkin	南瓜	each	5	4	4		
Radish	紅大根	each	7				
Rhubarb (Fresh)	鮮大根	each	18		10		
Shallots	蒜頭	each	8		8		
Spinach	菠菜	each	6	8			
Tomatoes	番茄	each	16	4			
Taro	芋頭	each	5	7			
Turnips, Punt (Long)	長白蘿蔔	each	6	6			
Vegetable Marrow	洋菜	each	6	4			
Water Cress	水蔞	each	10	15			
Water Lily Root	荷藕	each	6	15			



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**PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**—A Universal 1931 Special. A mysterious "Talkie" with every player in full dialogue, except the leading man... **LON CHANEY**. It's the last of the man of a thousand faces in filmdom.

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**SOCIAL LION**—A 1931 Paramount comedy starring Jack Oakie and Mary Brian.

**RESURRECTION**—A Universal 1931 all dialogue super-production. It betters the silent film of the past.

**DRACULA**—Another Universal super-production. Superstition of yesterday may be a fact of the world of science of to-day is explained in this picture. It's mysterious all through.

**RIGHT TO LOVE**—A 1931 Paramount super-production starring the sweet Miss Ruth Chatterton.

**FIGHTING CARAVANS**—A "Covered Waggon" type of picture of Paramount's starring Gary Cooper and Lily Damita.

**STOLEN HEAVEN**—Nancy Carroll's best of the season.

**QUEEN HIGH**—Another 1931 Paramount production.

## VATICAN ATTACK ON ENGLISH CHURCH.

The Reply of the Bishop of London.

MIXED FEELINGS.

The Vatican's attack on the Church of England through its official organ, the Osservatore Romano, has been received, with mixed feelings by churchmen in Great Britain.

While the Evangelicals and certain other elements in the Church are inclined to admit the justice of some of the charges, there is general agreement that a remarkable degree of ignorance is manifest in the facts and figures cited to support them, for instance that "there are at present 30,000 vacant posts" in the Church. There are, it is pointed out, only 12,800 parishes in the country.

While it is true that the number of Easter communicants is 2,800,000—the actual number in 1929 was in excess of 2,300,000—the statement that "the mass of the people take no interest whatsoever in the affairs of the Church of England and simply fly from all religious thought" is untrue. The interest of the people in the affairs of the Church was shown at the time of the attempted revision of the Prayer Book, and is further shown by the fact that upwards of 50 per cent. of the population is baptised and married by the Church.

It is further pointed out that Communion as a test of membership was abandoned by the Church of England 150 years ago.

The following are among the opinions of the article in question which were given to the London Morning Post in interviews:

The Bishop of London (Dr. Winnington-Ingram)—The Osservatore Romano article is such a catena of falsehoods that I do not think it is worth a reply.

Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. Henry Wilson)—If you want a good answer to the alleged weakening influence of the Anglican Church look at the Chelmsford diocese, where people of all ranks in the populous areas are asking for more churches and more priests.

Bishop of Coventry (Dr. Mervyn Haigh)—I think it would be unwise for bishops, individually, to comment on the attack.

Bishop of Gloucester (Dr. Headlam)—The statements made by the Osservatore Romano are entirely untrue from beginning to end.

Dr. T. W. Gilbert (Principal of St. John's Hall Theological College, Highbury)—So far as it suggests, that the flow into the Church is diminishing, the article is all nonsense. The number of ordinands has increased in the last four or five years.

Mr. Patrick White (Secretary of the Church Association and a member of the Church Assembly)—The Church of England is undoubtedly losing ground through its indifference and its desertion of its Protestant principles.

## PARIS TRIP.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK'S PLANS.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Duke and Duchess of York have accepted an invitation from the French Government to visit Paris in connection with the English Week of the French Exhibition.

They will probably arrive in Paris on July 16, and will stay a few days. British Wireless Service.

## POSEIDON DISASTER FUNDS.

Further List of Local Subscriptions.

SOME LIBERAL AMOUNTS.

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## MODERATE.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The anti-cyclone over N. Japan has strengthened slightly.

The depressions to the West of Shanghai and to the N.W. of Hanoi appear to be stationary.

Forecast:—S. W. winds; moderate; fair.

Rainfall.  
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.23 inch. Total since January 1—29.38 inches against an average of 38.04 inches—deficit 3.66 inches.

Temperature.  
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 8 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	81
Macao	81
Pratas Island	83
Manila	77
Foochow	83
Chefoo	87
Shanghai	72

## SLEEPING DRAUGHT TRAGEDY.

2 Members of Famous Band Arrested.

YOUNG GIRL'S DEATH.

Herr Eric Borchardt, the famous jazz king of Berlin, who has been detained by the police in Saarbrücken in connection with the death in his room of a beautiful young girl named Margot Candler, has been formally arrested and placed in the remand prison.

Borchardt, with Herr Hoffmann, a member of his band, who has also been arrested, is charged with involuntary homicide.

The police allege that the two men, through carelessness, suffocated Fraulien Candler while trying to save her from the effects of an overdose of sleeping draught which she had deliberately taken.

Herr Borchardt, who is forty-four and was one of the first Germans to play jazz music in Berlin, recently accepted an engagement to play with his band at the Cafe Klenert in Saarbrücken.

While there he made the acquaintance of Fraulien Candler, who fell desperately in love with him.

Borchardt told the infatuated girl that he would be leaving Saarbrücken shortly, and they would then have to part. He then left and went to play at the cafe.

When he returned with Herr Hoffmann he was horrified to find the girl lying unconscious and deathly pale on a bed in his rooms. The two men, fearing that the girl had swallowed poison, made frantic attempts to bring her back to consciousness.

They forced brandy and coffee between her lips, and as this brought no results it is alleged that the two desperate men, afraid of the consequences should the girl die, tried as a last resource an experiment which, as the medical examination showed, was the cause of the girl's immediate death.

It is alleged that they forced a rubber tube into the girl's mouth, and down her throat, and tried to pump out what she had swallowed. The result was fatal. The tubing blocked the wind pipe, and in a few seconds the unfortunate girl was suffocated.

The tragedy was discovered next morning by the landlady, who found Fraulien Candler lying dead on the bed, while the two men were sitting dumbstricken on chairs in the tiny room.

## M.P.'S LIKE TEA.

But Snacks At The Bar Are Becoming More Popular.

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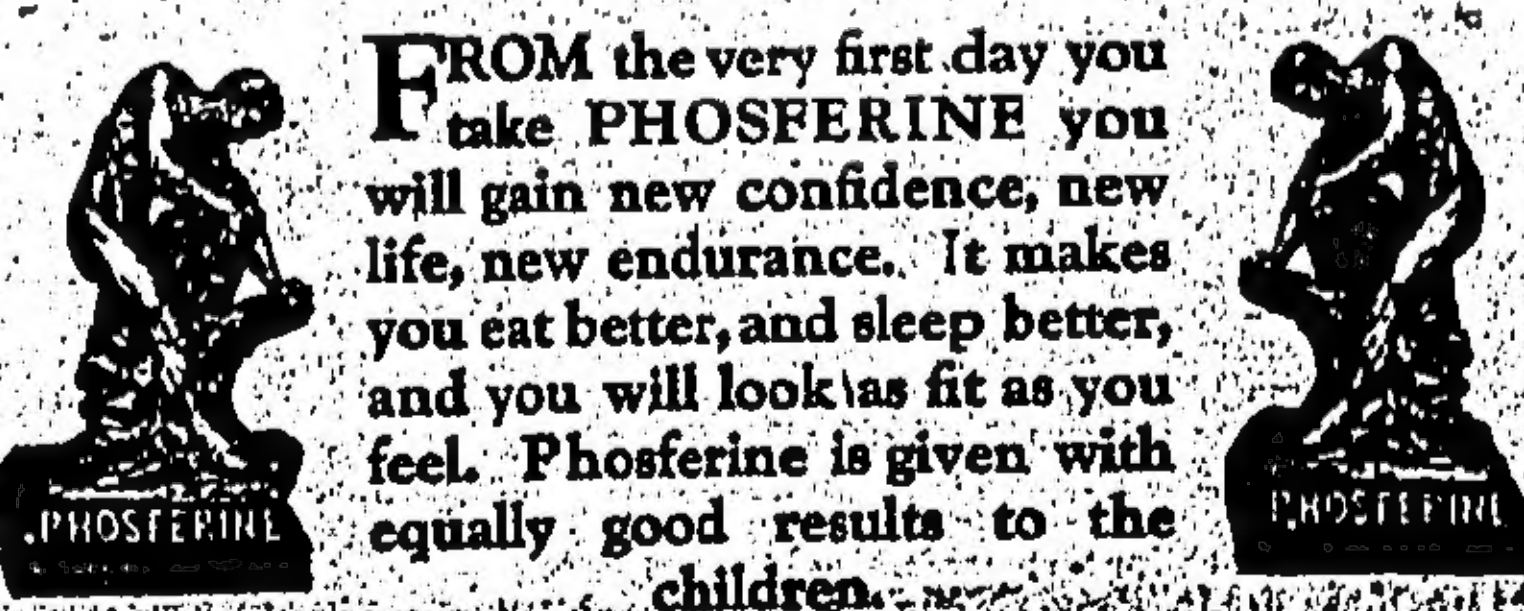
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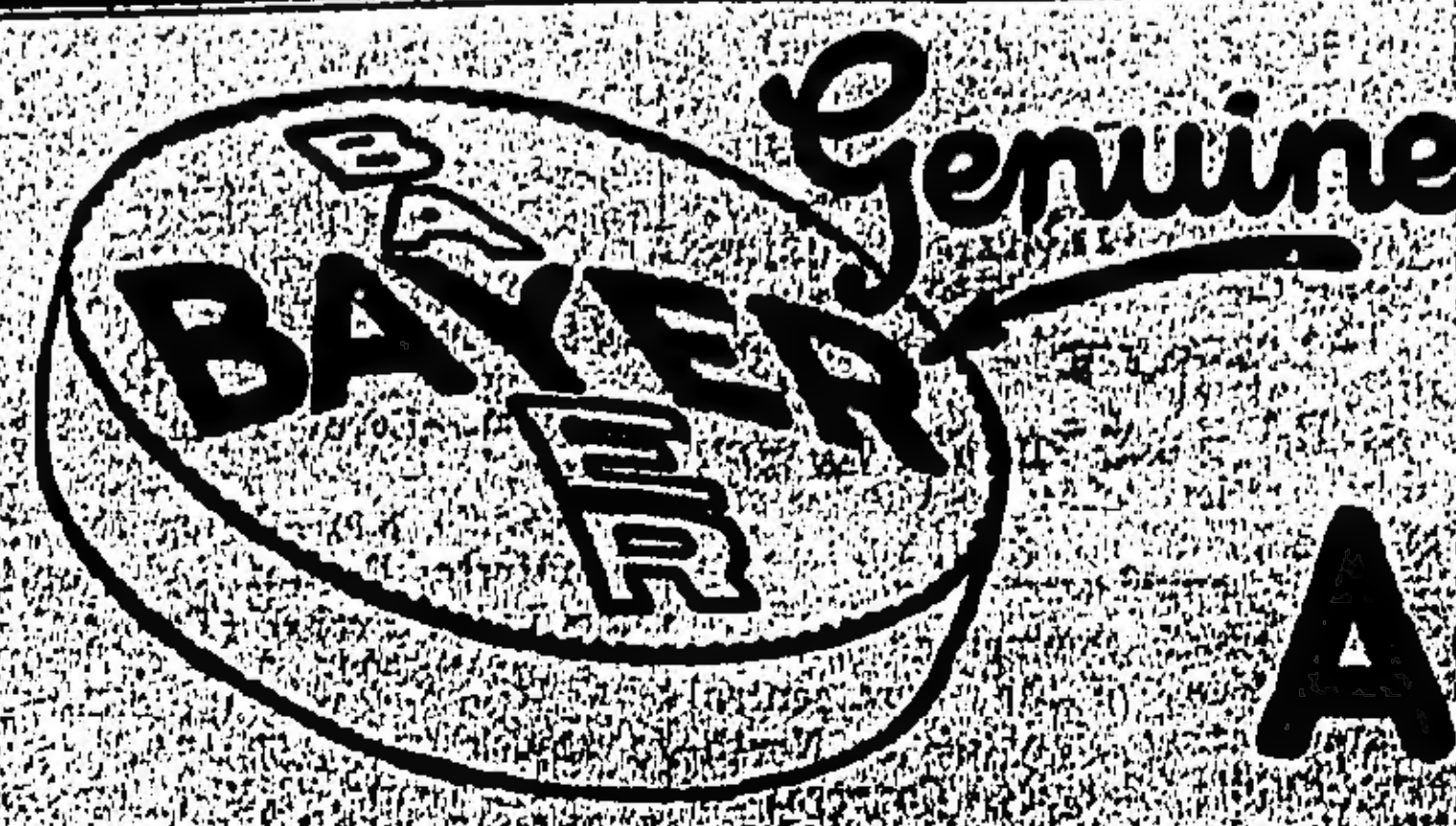


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